Project Management Certificate

Successful project completion in today’s volatile environment requires more than an understanding of the correct tasks to check off a list. Increasing complexity, tight budgets and tighter deadlines require new and innovative approaches by project managers. The Graham School Project Management Certificate Program prepares you to embrace these challenges and drive results within your organization. Our curriculum is aligned with the PMI Framework, and covers all aspects of the PMI talent triangle of Technical Project Management, Strategic and Business Management and Leadership. In-depth coursework, practical skill application and interactive classroom provide both the foundational and strategic knowledge to necessary for success.

Learn and Connect With Industry Professionals

Instructors are practicing project management professionals from the senior ranks of corporations or are experienced independent consultants. Most have earned the PMI PMP credential and several have earned PhD’s in associated fields. Our experienced instructors bring to the classroom tested, real-world knowledge and a deep network of industry contacts and resources.

“The Advanced Certificate in Project Management Program at the University of Chicago is one of the most important project management learning experiences of my career. I had been searching for engaging courses that built on my experience of over 10 years in project management to take my career to the next level. University of Chicago provided that opportunity with top-notch instructors, thoughtful and stimulating curricula, and a senior level of professionalism.”

— Elaine Alexander ’12 | Director, Program Management, Generic Pharmaceuticals, Research & Development

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**Introductory to Advanced Curriculum**

Our project management programs provide a wide range of course offerings, including two certificate tracks for project management professionals, an introductory course, and special topics seminars. This flexible program track is designed to fit a range of professional development needs.

**Project Management: Idea to Completion**

A comprehensive introduction to the field of project management and the PMI framework.

**Project Management Strategy Certificate**

A well-rounded intermediate program for individuals with at least two-three years of professional experience.

**Advanced Project Management Certificate**

An advanced program for professionals with at least three years of project leadership experience including large or complex projects.

**Special Topics Seminars and Customized Classes**

The Project Management Program often hosts focused seminars on relevant industry topics. Past offerings have included Nonprofit Management and AGILE Methods. Additionally, upon request any course in the portfolio can be customized to meet specific organizational needs.

**Program Structure**

- 2 day in person seminar format
- 4 course minimum sequence for each certificate track: 2 required courses and 2 electives
- Introductory course is a pre-requisite for applicants with limited professional experience
- Earn 16 Project Management Institute professional development units (PDUs) per course

**Application Requirements**

Students are invited to register for one course without applying to a certificate program. Admission to the program is required to earn a certificate; applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

- Applicants must submit:
  - Completed online application
  - $40 application fee (non-refundable)
  - Personal statement
  - Current resume or CV

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