PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Certification Framework

PMI certifications show future employers that you have the practical knowledge, insights, and professional expertise to meet increasingly heightened project demands. With certifications designed for all experience levels, there's always an optimal next step to enhance and accelerate your career.

0-3 YEARS EXPERIENCE
NEW TO PROJECTS

PMI Project Management Ready™ View >	**CAPM®** Certified Associate in Project Management View >	**PMI-ACP®** PMI Agile Certified Practitioner View >	**DASM™** Disciplined Agile Scrum Master View >	**DASSM™** Disciplined Agile Senior Scrum Master View >

3+ YEARS EXPERIENCE
SKILLED PRACTITIONER

PMP® Project Management Professional View >	**PMI-PBA®** PMI Professional in Business Analysis View >	**DAVSC™** Disciplined Agile Value Stream Consultant View >	**DAC™** Disciplined Agile Coach View >

SPECIALIZATION

PMI-RMP® PMI Risk Management Professional View >	**PMI-SP®** PMI Scheduling Professional View >	**AHPP™** Agile Hybrid Project Pro™ View >	**CD-P** Citizen Developer Practitioner View >	**Built Environment Project Communication Pro** View >	**OTF** Organizational Transformation Foundation View >

8+ YEARS EXPERIENCE
SENIOR LEVEL PRACTITIONER

PgMP® Program Management Professional View >	**PfMP®** Portfolio Management Professional View >

Exposure Draft

0-3 YEARS EXPERIENCE

PMI Project Management Ready™

This entry-level course brings together foundational project management knowledge, including basic business analytics and agile methodologies.

🕐 **When to apply**
Apply if you have 0-3 years of project or change management experience.

⭐ **Value**
Differentiate yourself for that entry-level position or in your next level of education by showing you know and understand the language of business delivery.

Education Requirements

None

Experience Requirements

None

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
None

Exam Information:
50 minutes, 47 questions

Other Certification Recommendations:
CAPM®, PMP®

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMI Project Management Ready™

CAPM®
Certified Associate in Project Management
View >

PMI-ACP®
PMI Agile Certified Practitioner
View >

DASM™
Disciplined Agile Scrum Master
View >

DASSM™
Disciplined Agile Senior Scrum Master
View >

PMI PROJECT MANAGEMENT READY

0-3 YEARS EXPERIENCE

CAPM®
Certified Associate in Project Management

Completing the CAPM® shows your demonstrated understanding of the fundamental knowledge, processes, and terminology as defined in **A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge** (PMBOK® Guide) that are needed for effective project management performance. This knowledge can be applied to on-the-job experiences that help develop growing levels of competence in the practice of project management.

When to apply
Apply if you have 0-3 years of project or change management experience.

Value
Differentiate yourself as you come out of college or are new to the workforce by showing you are ready for greater responsibility. Counts as the 35 contact hours needed for PMP®. The CAPM® is registered against the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001 standard for quality management systems, providing a third-party affirmation of quality in the development, management, and governance of the certification.

Education Requirements

- High school diploma

- 23 contact hours needed. Our Project Management Basics online course fulfills this educational prerequisite.

Experience Requirements

None

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 15 PDUs per three-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
3 hours, 150 questions

Other Certification Recommendations:
PMP®

Exposure Draft

Apply Now

PMI Project Management Ready™	CAPM® Certified Associate in Project Management	PMI-ACP® PMI Agile Certified Practitioner	DASM™ Disciplined Agile Scrum Master	DASSM™ Disciplined Agile Senior Scrum Master
View >		View >	View >	View >

CAPM®

PMI

0-3 YEARS EXPERIENCE

PMI-ACP®

PMI Agile Certified Practitioner

Be formally recognized for your knowledge of agile principles and your skills with agile techniques. The PMI-ACP is evidence of your real-world, hands-on experience and skill as part of an agile team. It spans many approaches to agile such as Scrum, Kanban, Lean, extreme programming (XP), and test-driven development (TDD), not limiting a practitioner to one agile approach.

When to apply
Apply if you have 1-3 years of project management experience. See **Experience Requirements** for more information.

Value
Demonstrate your agile team experience runs deep. Beyond knowledge and comprehension, demonstrate experience and applying agile methodologies. The PMI-ACP® is registered against the ISO 9001 standard.

Education Requirements

- High school diploma or Bachelor's degree
- 21 contact hours of training in agile practices

Experience Requirements

- 12 months of general project experience within the last 5 years (A current PMP® or PgMP® will satisfy this requirement but is not required to apply for the PMI-ACP®)
- 8 months of agile project experience within the last 3 years

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 30 PDUs per three-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
3 hours, 120 questions, multiple choice

Other Certification Recommendations:
DASSM™, PMP®

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMI Project Management Ready™	CAPM® Certified Associate in Project Management	PMI-ACP® PMI Agile Certified Practitioner	DASM™ Disciplined Agile Scrum Master	DASSM™ Disciplined Agile Senior Scrum Master
	View >		View >	View >

PMI-ACP

0-3 YEARS EXPERIENCE

DASM™
Disciplined Agile™ Scrum Master

Understand the fundamentals of agile and lean approaches like Scrum, Kanban, SAFe®, and more, along with how to implement the Disciplined Agile tool kit to choose your way of working (WoW™) based on the situation you face.

When to apply
Apply if you have 0-3 years of agile experience.

Value
Get started with Disciplined Agile. Disciplined Agile is a tool kit that focuses on the decisions one needs to consider, the options available, and the associated trade-offs. Explore multiple agile and lean techniques and understand how to put these techniques into action and effective implementation.

Education Requirements
- 2-day DASM™ training from a Disciplined Agile™ partner
- No formal education required

Experience Requirements
None

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 7 PDUs in agile topics per one-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
90 minutes, 50 questions, multiple choice, online, non-proctored

Other Certification Recommendations:
DASSM™, PMI-ACP®

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMI Project Management Ready™

CAPM® Certified Associate in Project Management

PMI-ACP® PMI Agile Certified Practitioner

DASM™ Disciplined Agile Scrum Master

DASSM™ Disciplined Agile Senior Scrum Master

View >   View >   View >   View >

DA SCRUM MASTER
Project Management Institute
Disciplined Agile

PMI

DASSM™
Disciplined Agile™ Senior Scrum Master

Take a deep dive into the DA tool kit to develop a comprehensive understanding of the hundreds of practices and strategies it contains and the trade-offs of applying them. This 2-day instructor-led course for experienced agile practitioners teaches you how to use the Disciplined Agile (DA) tool kit to optimize how teams work, how to work with allies within your organization, and how to solve a variety of advanced problems.

When to apply
Apply if you have 2+ years of agile experience.

Value
Tailor your approach and lead your team with Disciplined Agile. Learn how to lead agile teams through key enterprise activities, such as planning, coordinating, and reporting, and be ready to show your improvements in areas where your organization is struggling. Pre-requisite for DAC™ and DAVSC™.

Education Requirements
- 2-day DASSM™ training from a Disciplined Agile™ partner
- No formal education required

Experience Requirements
- Two years of experience working in an agile team, preferably in a leadership role

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 7 PDUs in agile topics per one-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
90 minutes, 50 questions, multiple choice, online, non-proctored

Other Certification Recommendations:
PMP®, DAC™, DAVSC™

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMI Project Management Ready™	CAPM® Certified Associate in Project Management	PMI-ACP® PMI Agile Certified Practitioner	DASM™ Disciplined Agile Scrum Master	DASSM™ Disciplined Agile Senior Scrum Master
View >	View >	View >	View >	

DA SENIOR SCRUM MASTER
Project Management Institute · Disciplined Agile

PMI

3+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

PMP®

Project Management Professional

Supercharge your career as a project leader and demonstrate you have the specific skills employers seek, like dedication to excellence and the capacity to perform at the highest levels. Now including predictive, agile, and hybrid approaches, the PMP® proves project leadership experience and expertise in any way of working.

When to apply
Apply if you have over three years of experience in leading or directing projects.

Value
Practitioners who hold the PMP certification are well-positioned to provide the professional skills necessary to lead project teams and achieve successful project results. Satisfies project experience for the PMI-ACP® or PgMP®. The PMP® certification is accredited against the internationally recognized ISO 9001 and ISO/ANSI 17024 standards.

Education Requirements

- High school diploma or associate's degree (or global equivalent)

- Bachelor's degree

- 35 hours of project management education training or CAPM® Certification

Experience Requirements

- 60 months experience leading projects (with a high school diploma or associate's degree)

- 36 months experience leading projects (with a four-year degree)

- 24 months experience if you're a graduate of a GAC program

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 60 PDUs per three-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
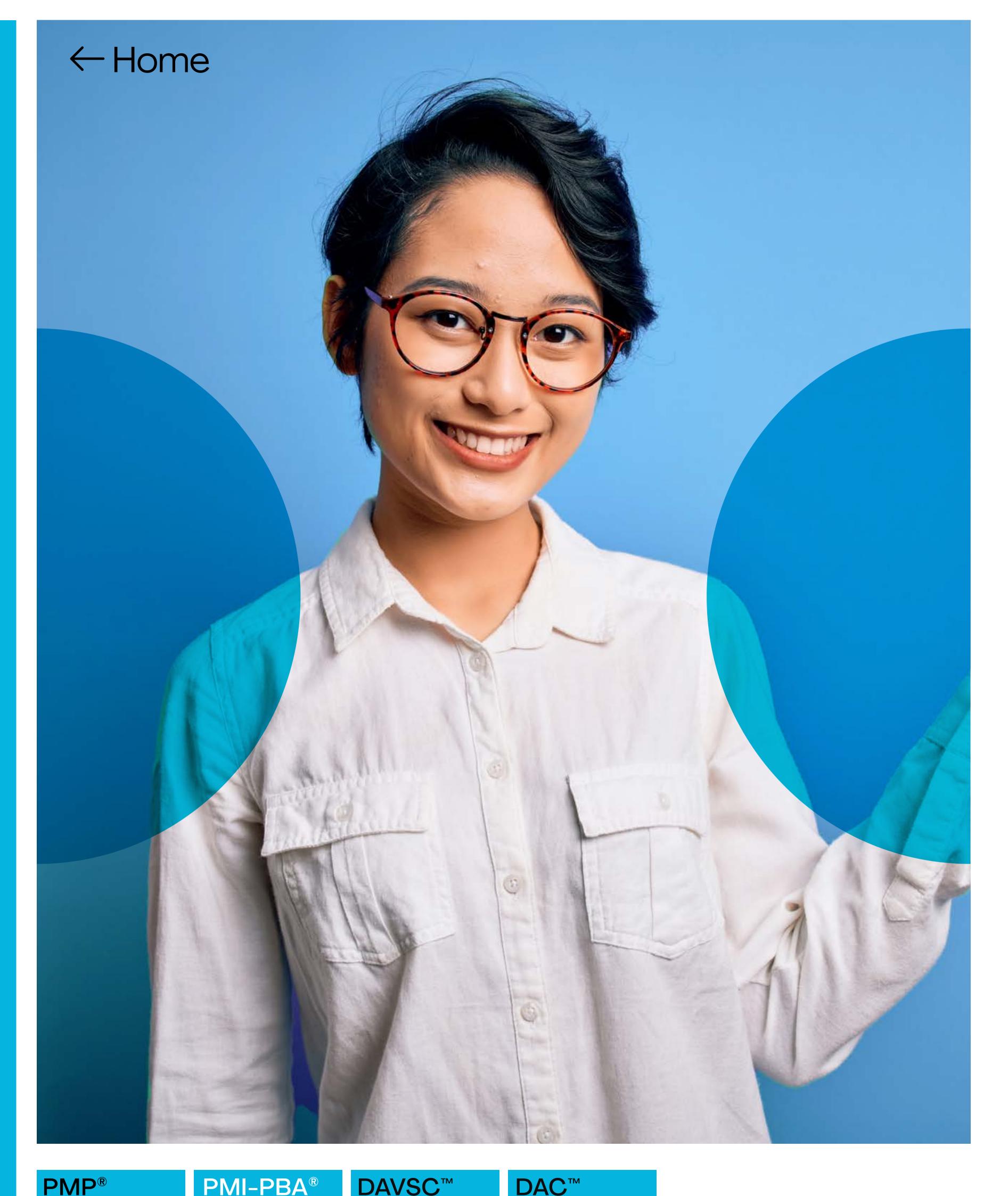230 minutes, 180 questions, some multiple choice

Other Certification Recommendations:
PMI-PBA®, PMI-ACP®, AHPP, Built Environment Project Communication Pro

Exposure Draft

Apply Now

PMP®
Project Management Professional

PMI-PBA®
PMI Professional in Business Analysis
View >

DAVSC™
Disciplined Agile Value Stream Consultant
View >

DAC™
Disciplined Agile Coach
View >

PMP

PMI

3+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

PMI-PBA®

PMI Professional in Business Analysis

Spotlight your ability to work effectively with stakeholders to define their business requirements, shape the output of projects, and drive successful business outcomes.

When to apply
Apply if you have over three years of business analysis experience.

Value
Supports individuals in meeting the needs of organizations that rely on business analysis practitioners to play key roles on their teams. The PMI-PBA® is registered against the ISO 9001 standard.

Education Requirements

- High school diploma
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- 35 contact hours of education in business analysis

Experience Requirements

- 60 months of business analysis experience (with high school diploma or associate's degree)
- 36 months of business analysis experience (with Bachelor's degree)

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 60 PDUs in business analysis topics every three-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
4 hours, 200 questions, multiple choice

Other Certification Recommendations:
PMP®, PMI-RMP®, PMI-SP®, PMI-ACP®

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMP®
Project Management Professional

View >

PMI-PBA®
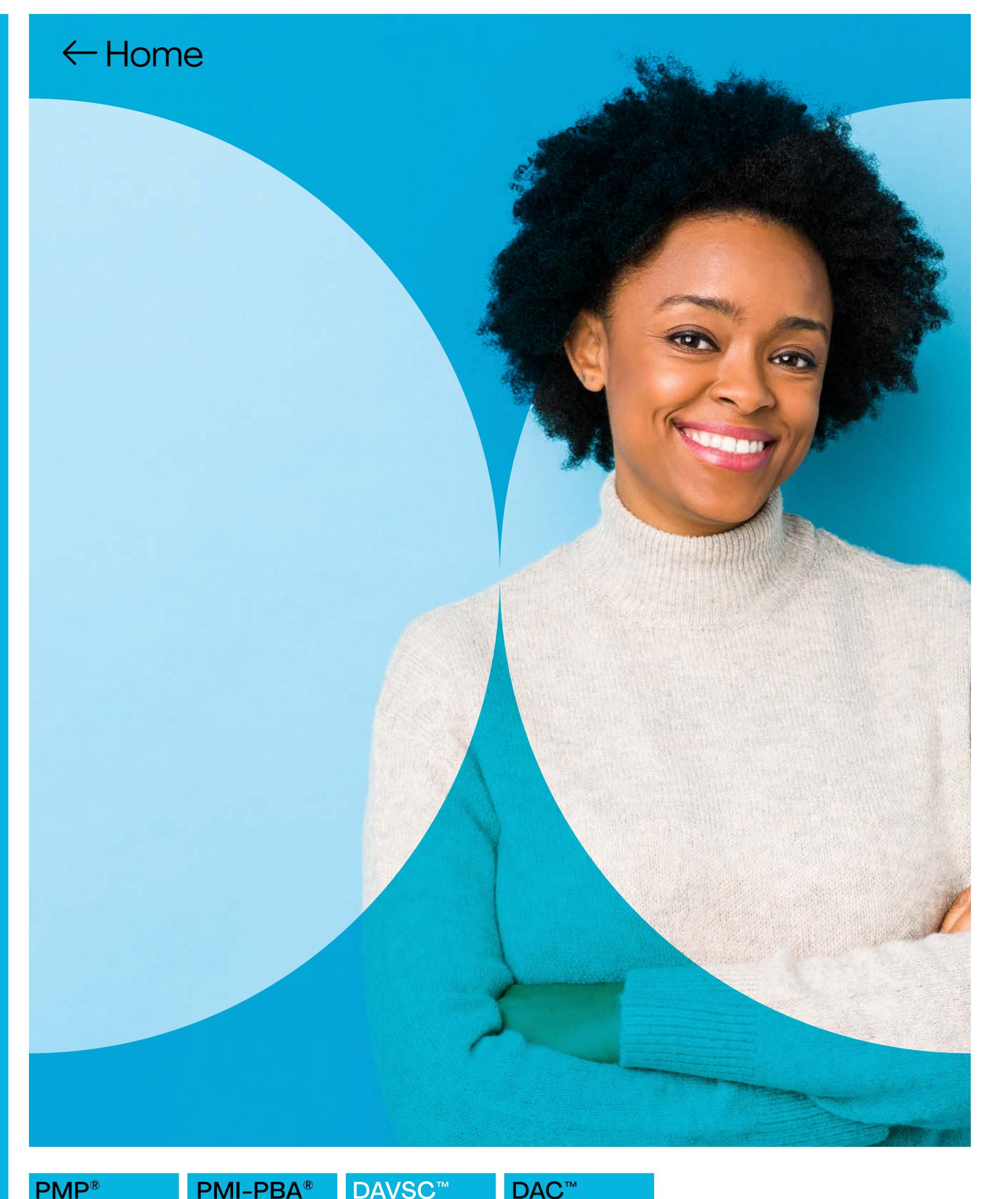PMI Professional in Business Analysis

DAVSC™
Disciplined Agile Value Stream Consultant

View >

DAC™
Disciplined Agile Coach

View >

PMI-PBA®

3+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

DAVSC™
Disciplined Agile™ Value Stream Consultant

Master Disciplined Agile and use value stream management in a way that allows you to lead entire organizations in implementing it enterprise-wide for their unique needs. Become a driver of transformation, accelerating value delivery and guiding organizations to true business agility.

When to apply
Apply if you have over three years of agile coaching experience.

Value
Help organizations achieve true business agility. Learn how to use value stream management to create a tailored approach for any organization to accelerate delivery of value to their customers. DAVSC provides a combination of Lean, Flow, Theory of Constraints, and Organizational Development theories and practices.

Education Requirements

- 3-day training from a Disciplined Agile™ partner
- No formal education required

Experience Requirements

- Three years of agile experience
- Disciplined Agile™ Senior Scrum Master (DASSM™) certification

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 7 PDUs in agile topics per one-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
N/A

Other Certification Recommendations:
DAC™, PMI-ACP®, DASM™, DASSM™, OTF

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMP®
Project Management Professional

View >

PMI-PBA®
PMI Professional in Business Analysis

View >

DAVSC™
Disciplined Agile Value Stream Consultant

DAC™
Disciplined Agile Coach

View >

3+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

DAC™
Disciplined Agile™ Coach

Take your Disciplined Agile knowledge and experience to the next level — show teams (in your organization or elsewhere) how to apply and optimize Disciplined Agile within and between teams. Help them choose their way of working (WoW) and realize true business agility.

When to apply
Apply if you have over three years of agile coaching experience.

Value
Learn how to coach teams on how to apply and optimize Disciplined Agile™ across the enterprise.

Education Requirements
- 2-day training from a Disciplined Agile™ partner
- No formal education required

Experience Requirements
- Three years of agile coaching or consulting experience
- Disciplined Agile™ Senior Scrum Master (DASSM™) certification

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 7 PDUs in agile topics per one-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
N/A

Other Certification Recommendations:
DAVSC™, PMI-ACP®, DASM™, DASSM™, OTF

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMP®
Project Management Professional
View >

PMI-PBA®
PMI Professional in Business Analysis
View >

DAVSC™
Disciplined Agile Value Stream Consultant
View >

DAC™
Disciplined Agile Coach

SPECIALIZATION

PMI-RMP®

PMI Risk Management Professional

Highlight your ability to identify and assess project risks, mitigate threats, and capitalize on opportunities. In this capacity, you enhance and protect the needs of your organization.

When to apply
Apply if you have over three years of project risk management experience. This is an industry skill specialization.

Value
Demonstrate and apply expertise in the specialized area of assessing and identifying project risk on the project team, and demonstrate the recognition and value the role provides to the project management profession. The PMI-RMP® is registered against the ISO 9001 standard.

Education Requirements

Path A: Secondary degree (high school diploma, associate's degree, or the global equivalent)

Path B: Four-year degree

Path C: Bachelor's or postgraduate degree from a GAC accredited program

Experience Requirements

Without a four-year degree:
- A minimum of 36 months (three years) of professional project risk management within the last five consecutive years
- 40 contact hours of formal education in the specialized area of project risk management

With a four-year degree:
- A minimum of 24 months (two years) of professional project risk management within the last five consecutive years
- 30 contact hours of formal education in the specialized area of project risk management

With a degree from a GAC accredited program:
- A minimum of 12 months (one year) of professional project risk management within the last five consecutive years
- 30 contact hours of formal education in the specialized area of project risk management

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 30 PDUs per three-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
3.5 hours, 170 questions, multiple choice

Exposure Draft

Other Certification Recommendations:
PMP®, PMI-PBA®, PMI-SP®

Apply Now

PMI-RMP® PMI Risk Management Professional	**PMI-SP®** PMI Scheduling Professional	**AHPP™** Agile Hybrid Project Pro™	**CD-P** Citizen Developer Practitioner	**Built Environment Project Communication Pro**	**OTF** Organizational Transformation Foundation
	View >	View >	View >	View >	View >

PMI-RMP®

PMI

SPECIALIZATION

PMI-SP®

PMI Scheduling Professional

The PMI-SP certification recognizes demonstrated knowledge and advanced experience in the specialized area of developing and maintaining project schedules.

🕐 When to apply
Apply if you have over three years of project scheduling experience. This is an industry skill specialization.

⭐ Value
Show employers you're a capable, competent leader in scheduling. The PMI-SP® is registered against the ISO 9001 standard.

Education Requirements

Path A: Secondary degree (high school diploma, associate's degree, or the global equivalent)

Path B: Four-year degree

Path C: Bachelor's or postgraduate degree from a GAC accredited program

Experience Requirements

Without a four-year degree:
- A minimum of 36 months (three years) of professional project scheduling within the last five consecutive years
- 40 contact hours of formal education in the specialized area of project scheduling

With a four-year degree:
- A minimum of 24 months (two years) of professional project scheduling within the last five consecutive years
- 30 contact hours of formal education in the specialized area of project scheduling

With a degree from a GAC accredited program:
- A minimum of 12 months (one year) of professional project scheduling within the last five consecutive years
- 30 contact hours of formal education in the specialized area of project scheduling

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
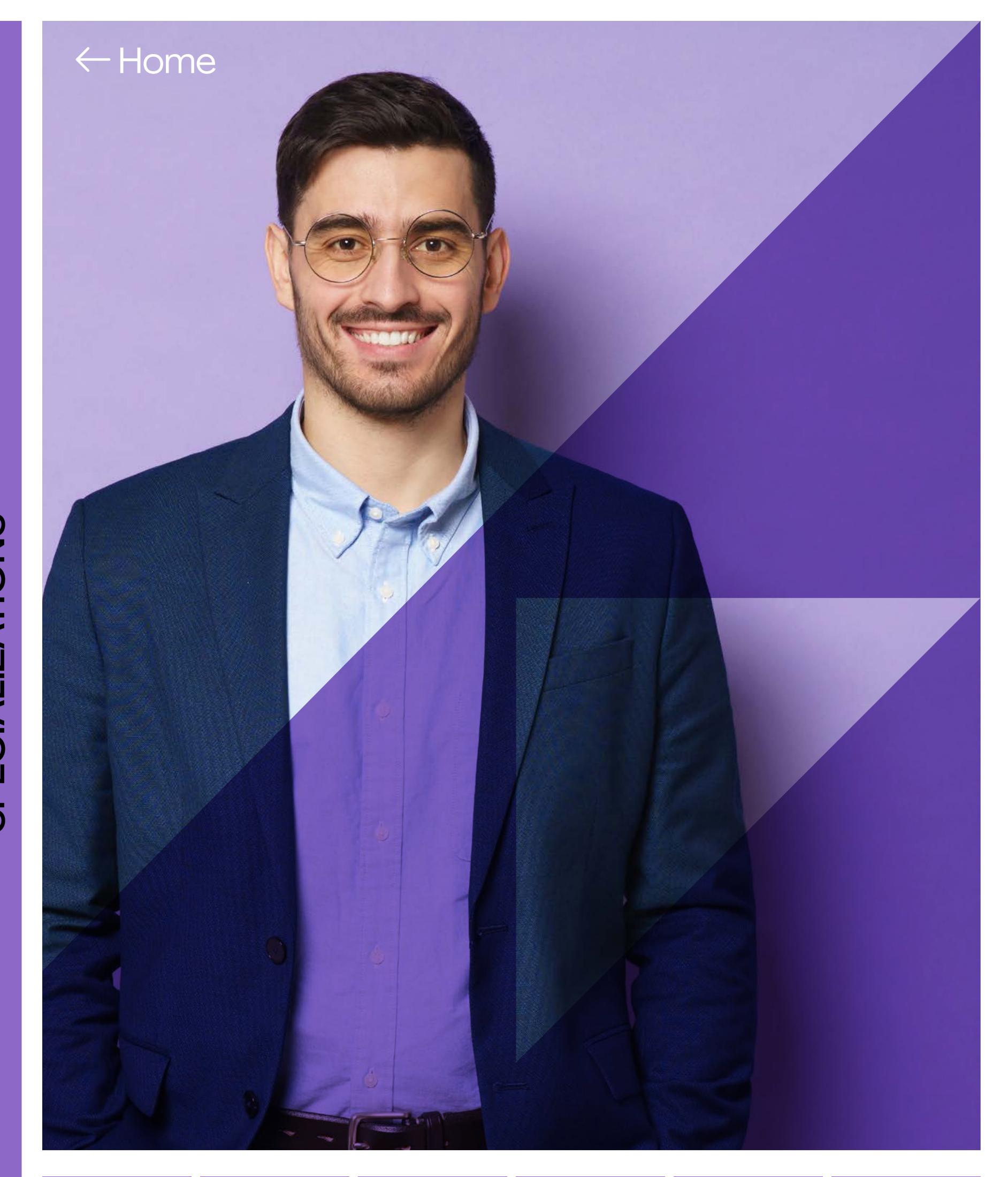Must earn 30 PDUs per three-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
3.5 hours, 170 questions, multiple choice

Other Certification Recommendations:
PMP®, PMI-PBA®

Exposure Draft

Apply Now

PMI-RMP® PMI Risk Management Professional	**PMI-SP®** PMI Scheduling Professional	**AHPP™** Agile Hybrid Project Pro™	**CD-P** Citizen Developer Practitioner	**Built Environment Project Communication Pro**	**OTF** Organizational Transformation Foundation
View >	View >	View >	View >	View >	View >

PMI-SP®

AHPP™
Agile Hybrid Project Pro™

This micro-credential includes a course that allows you to practice the application of agile and hybrid principles and concepts ranging from managing conflict to leading a team, supporting team performance, and addressing and removing obstacles for the team.

When to apply
This is an industry skill specialization.

Value
Demonstrate ability to manage Agile or Hybrid projects. Stay current and aligned to the latest Agile and Hybrid project management principles and methodologies.

Education Requirements

None

Experience Requirements

- 1-5 years project management experience (recommended, but not required)

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
N/A; the micro-credential does not expire and does not need to be renewed.

Exam Information:
- Exam available after you complete the course
- Course time is approximately 6.5-12 hours
- 75 minutes, 60 questions, multiple choice, non-proctored

Other Certification Recommendations:
PMP®, PgMP®

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMI-RMP®	PMI-SP®	AHPP™	CD-P	Built Environment Project Communication Pro	OTF
PMI Risk Management Professional	PMI Scheduling Professional	Agile Hybrid Project Pro™	Citizen Developer Practitioner		Organizational Transformation Foundation
View >	View >		View >	View >	View >

Project Management Institute.
AGILE HYBRID PROJECT PRO
SPECIALIZATION

PMI

SPECIALIZATION

CD-P
Citizen Developer Practitioner

This micro-credential includes a course that provides the perfect launch pad for your low-code/no-code journey. Demonstrate ability to apply PMI's citizen development methodology and frameworks to develop applications in a consistent, compliant, and scalable manner.

When to apply
This is an industry skill specialization.

Value
This foundation course provides an introduction to citizen development and best practices in citizen development methodology.

Education Requirements

None

Experience Requirements

- 1-5 years project management experience and citizen development is recommended but not required.

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
N/A; The micro-credential does not expire and does not need to be renewed.

Exam Information:
- Exam available after you complete the course
- Course time is approximately 6-8 hours
- 60 minutes, 40 questions, multiple choice

Other Certification Recommendations:
CD-P Series; Foundation, Developer

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMI-RMP®	**PMI-SP®**	**AHPP™**	**CD-P**	**Built Environment Project Communication Pro**	**OTF**
PMI Risk Management Professional	PMI Scheduling Professional	Agile Hybrid Project Pro™	Citizen Developer Practitioner		Organizational Transformation Foundation
View >	View >	View >		View >	View >

Project Management Institute
CD-Practitioner
PMI Citizen Developer

PMI

SPECIALIZATIONS

Built Environment Project Communication Pro

This micro-credential includes a course to demonstrate your understanding of effective communication techniques in Built Environment projects.

When to apply
Apply if you have over three years of project or change management experience. This is an industry skill specialization.

Value
Equip yourself with the skills needed to build communication plans, manage stakeholder communications, and use methods such as Obeya and commitment-based management.

Education Requirements
None

Experience Requirements
- 1-5 years industry experience (recommended, but not required)

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
N/A; The micro-credential does not expire and does not need to be renewed.

Exam Information:
- Exam available after you complete the course
- Course time is approximately 3 hours
- 135 minutes, 60 questions, multiple choice, non-proctored

Other Certification Recommendations:
Built Environment Program

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMI-RMP®
PMI Risk Management Professional

View >

PMI-SP®
PMI Scheduling Professional

View >

AHPP™
Agile Hybrid Project Pro™

View >

CD-P
Citizen Developer Practitioner

View >

Built Environment Project Communication Pro

OTF
Organizational Transformation Foundation

View >

OTF
Organizational Transformation Foundation

This micro-credential includes a course that teaches you to identify challenges and success factors that impact change and describe key transformational concepts that can be applied to your business and culture.

When to apply
This is an industry skill specialization.

Value
By demonstrating the fundamental knowledge around transformation initiatives, you become an ambassador for organizational change.

Education Requirements

None

Experience Requirements

• 1-5 years project management experience (recommended, but not required)

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
N/A; The micro-credential does not expire and does not need to be renewed.

Exam Information:
• Exam available after you complete the course
• Course time is approximately 5-10 hours
• 45 minutes, 30 questions, multiple choice

Other Certification Recommendations:
OTF Series; Foundation, Implementation, and Orchestration

Apply Now

Exposure Draft

PMI Project Management Institute.
ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION FOUNDATION
SPECIALIZATION

PMI

8+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

PgMP®
Program Management Professional

This elite certification recognizes the advanced experience, skills, and performance necessary to manage and align a portfolio of projects and programs to realize organizational strategy and objectives. Only a few thousand professionals have earned their PgMP® certification, so completion indicates a tremendous depth of knowledge and actionable expertise.

🕐 When to apply
Apply if you have over eight years of project and program management experience.

⭐ Value
Demonstrate deep knowledge and experience to employers with a prestigious certification. The PgMP® is registered against the ISO 9001 standard.

Education Requirements

Path A: Secondary degree (high school diploma, associate's degree, or the global equivalent)

Path B: Four-year degree

Path C: Bachelor's or postgraduate degree from a GAC accredited program

Apply Now

Experience Requirements

Without a four-year degree:
- A minimum of 48 months (four years) of unique, non-overlapping, professional project management experience or PMP
- Minimum of 84 months (seven years) of unique, non-overlapping, professional program management experience

With a four-year degree:
- Minimum of 48 months (four years) of unique, non-overlapping, professional project management experience (or PMP)
- Minimum of 48 months (four years) of unique, non-overlapping, professional program management experience

With a degree from a GAC accredited program:
- Minimum of 36 months (three years) of unique, non-overlapping, professional project management experience (or PMP)
- Minimum of 36 months (three years) of unique, non-overlapping, professional program management experience

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 60 PDUs per three-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
Panel review, 4 hours, 170 questions, multiple choice

Other Certification Recommendations:
PMP®, PfMP®, OTF

Exposure Draft

PgMP®
Program Management Professional

PfMP®
Portfolio Management Professional

View >

PgMP®

8+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

PfMP®
Portfolio Management Professional

Earning a PfMP® certification indicates you have the advanced experience, skills, and performance necessary to manage and align a portfolio of projects and programs to realize organizational strategy and objectives. Like the PgMP®, there are only a few thousand PfMP certification holders worldwide, making this a truly elite distinction.

🕐 When to apply
Apply if you have over eight years of project and program management experience.

★ Value
Demonstrate deep knowledge and experience to employers with a prestigious certification. The PfMP® is registered against the ISO 9001 standard.

Education Requirements

Path A: Secondary degree (high school diploma, associate's degree, or the global equivalent)

Path B: Four-year degree

Path C: Bachelor's or postgraduate degree from a GAC accredited program

Apply Now

Experience Requirements

Without a four-year degree:
- Minimum of 96 months (eight years) of professional business experience
- Minimum of 84 months (seven years) of unique non-overlapping professional portfolio management experience

With a four-year degree:
- Minimum of 96 months (eight years) of professional business experience
- Minimum of 48 months (four years) of unique, non-overlapping, professional portfolio management experience

With a degree from a GAC accredited program:
- Minimum of 96 months (eight years) of professional business experience
- Minimum of 36 months (three years) of unique, non-overlapping, professional portfolio management experience

Certification Maintenance Requirements:
Must earn 60 PDUs per three-year cycle to maintain certification.

Exam Information:
Panel review, 4 hours, 170 questions, multiple choice

Other Certification Recommendations:
PMP®, PgMP®

Exposure Draft

PgMP®
Program Management Professional

PfMP®
Portfolio Management Professional

View >

PfMP