

# PROJECT MANAGEMENT GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

## Project Management Graduate Certificate: (15 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Project Management curriculum is designed for those who want to lead cross-functional teams to deliver exceptional outcomes and drive business value through the successful completion of projects. Aligned with the leading global standard in project management,

the Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide), that is administered by the Project Management Institute (PMI), the curriculum is both experiential and pragmatic. It is designed for new and experienced professionals to apply business acumen and project management tools and techniques to meet organizational strategic goals, and is applicable to a broad range of industry sectors such as Information Technology, Finance and Banking, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Engineering, Insurance, and Construction. Courses cover many of the topics included in two of the most-regarded PMI certifications: the Project Management Professional (PMP®) and the Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP®), and cover a significant portion of the topics for several others including: Program Management Professional (PgMP)®, PMI Risk Management Professional (PMI-RMP)®, PMI Scheduling Professional (PMI-SP)®, and PMI Organizational Project Management OPM3® certifications.

### Program Goals

The learning outcomes and goals of the Graduate Certificate in Project Management focus area are:

- Learners will develop competencies necessary for professional careers implementing projects in today's dynamic business environment where innovation, continuous improvement, expansion, and change are all hallmarks. This program is focused on the application of business concepts to generate solutions for contemporary business problems.
- Learners will integrate project management knowledge with leadership, team collaboration, effective communication skills, negotiation, and strategic thinking. All are vital to successful project completion today, which necessitates a flexible and adaptive mindset focused on delivering value throughout the project lifecycle. It is the application of innovative and outcome-focused approaches that leaders and managers must use to influence the work behaviors and attitudes of individuals, teams, and other groups in organizations. Building, developing, and leading teams in traditional as well as virtual environments to meet specific strategic goals is a key focus of project management.
- Learners will examine the five process groups, 10 project management knowledge areas, and 49 processes covered in the PMBOK® Guide, where three of the knowledge areas, Cost, Stakeholder Management and Integration require the learner to apply a stakeholder, value-based framework for financial decisions related to project alternatives for balancing responsiveness, cost, and quality.
- Learners will explore the ethical and professional standards required for project managers to effectively drive and lead change while maximizing and balancing critical resources, cost, quality, and time. These standards provide a working framework to enable maximum social and cultural value, while considering return on investment. The courses will identify and enable creation of responsible courses of action using ethical decision-making models based on the prevailing

professional code of ethics and standards for project management. • Upon completion of the program, learners interested in earning a CAPM®, PMP® or PMI-ACP® designation will have covered many of the topics and met many of the requirements to sit for these certification exams. • Learners interested in leading improvements, innovation, and change in a broad spectrum of business areas will acquire and practice the core project management skills needed for successful completion of projects that deliver the desired outcomes to the satisfaction of the customer. To demonstrate the ability to manage change in the project environment, learners will explore and practice analyzing complex situations and soliciting feedback from stakeholders, developing innovative solutions, negotiating for necessary resources, and implementing necessary changes while justifying proposed actions. • Learners will be able to enhance their skillsets, build a project management "toolbox, and gain the necessary knowledge to advance their careers in project, program, and portfolio management.

### Admission

1. Eligibility for Admission: Admission is based on having a bachelor's degree, two letters of recommendation, two years of post-graduate work experience and an application essay discussing how the focus area fits into their career objectives.
2. Application: A completed application form, current resume, and non-refundable application fee are required.
3. Transcripts: One official transcript must be sent from each institution of collegiate rank attended by the applicant. Transcripts should be sent directly from the collegiate institution to the Enrollment Services, Harper Center, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178. All such transcripts become the property of Creighton University.

### Certificate Requirements:

The Project Management certificate consists of 15 credit hours. These credits may also apply as a focus area in the MBA or MS-BIA.

Code	Title	Credits
Project Management Focus Area		
MBA/BIA 501	Managing Projects: The Fundamentals	1.5
MBA/BIA 502	Managing Projects: The Fundamentals Lab	1.5
MBA/BIA 705	Mastering Project Management	1.5
MBA/BIA 706	Mastering Project Management Lab	1.5
Select nine credits from the following courses:		
MBA/BIA 707 Project Management Capstone - PMP Exam Prep		
MBA/BIA 708 Project Management Capstone - PMI ACP Exam		
MBA 771	Leadership and Organizational Behavior	
MBA 776	Business, Ethics and Society	
BIA 782	Database Management Systems	
BIA 787 Business Process Management		
CBI 505	Introduction to Executive Leadership	
CBI 506	Advanced Executive Leadership	
CBI 515	Business Operations-Technical Focus	
CBI 516	Business Operations-Interpersonal, Interdisciplinary, and Transversal Skills Focus	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>