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Managing Successful Programmes

Advanced Practitioner 3 Day Course Outline

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Overview

This is an examination-based course, which gives delegates' accreditation to Managing Successful Programmes Practitioner Advanced Level. It is a companion course to the Foundation and Practitioner course, which delegates must successfully complete before attending this event. The course concentrates on the application of previously acquired MSP™ knowledge. It uses a detailed case study and scenarios to provide delegates with exercises and practical activities to demonstrate their knowledge.

This event provides a workshop environment for preparing for the MSP™2007 Advanced Practitioner Examination.

Learning Objectives

The key objectives of this Exam Preparation event are to:

- Provide delegates with an opportunity to review their individual preparation for the MSP™ Advanced Practitioner examination.
- Review and discuss specific areas of the MSP™ Guidance with an APM Group Approved MSP™ Trainer.
- Discuss how MSP™ can be applied in real life situations, with particular emphasis on its application to the case study provided by the examination board - MSPCare
- Provide delegates with an opportunity to complete sample Advanced Practitioner examination questions, consider the reasoning behind the correct responses and devise exam strategies.

Course Structure

Pre-course

Delegates will be provided with the case study (MSPCare) for the Advanced Practitioner Exam. Materials will include exercises and questions which will deepen the delegate's knowledge of MSP™ and allow the delegate to use their MSP™ knowledge to explore the case study by drawing on their own experience. Delegates will be expected to have completed at least 10 hours pre-course work for this event, primarily focusing on full understanding of the MSPCare Scenario.

Course

The structure of the course is intended to build on delegate's existing MSP™ Practitioner knowledge and experience as well as on their pre-course work that is reading the MSP™ Care Scenario, supplied at least 5 working days before the Advanced Practitioner module. The course will cover all aspects of the MSP™ Advanced Practitioner syllabus, and will include:-

- Workshops and exercises which are intended to give delegates practical experience of applying MSP™ using the MSPCare case study.
- Sample questions provided in the MSP™ Practitioner Examination Pack to develop deeper understanding of MSP™, the MSPCare case study, and prepare for the Advanced Practitioner exam.

Examination Details

The MSP™ Advanced Practitioner Exam will be taken on the afternoon of the third day. The exam consists of two compulsory questions on different units from the syllabus to be answered within a time limit of 2 hours and 30 minutes, inclusive of reading time. The examination will be based on a complex scenario (MSPCare) which will be issued as part of the pre-course materials and used during the training course. Additional material in the form of reports, documents, formats, statements, etc. may also be provided for analysis as part of an examination question.

The examination is ‘open book’ and other material in the form of course notes, examples, copies of presentations, etc. can be used during this examination but no electronic aids, such as laptops, may be used. The pass mark will be 38 marks out of a possible 75.

Course materials

Delegates attending this event will be issued with the latest copy of the PPI Consulting MSP™ Practitioner Examination Pack. All other documentation including the MSP™ Manual should be brought to the event by the delegate.

Designed For

This course is intended for anyone in, or aspiring to, a senior role within a programme. This includes Programme Managers or Programme Directors, and other key staff involved in the design, development and delivery of programmes, including Business Change Managers and Programme Office Managers. Anyone who already has a good understanding of the principles and theory of the MSP™ manual, supported by practical application within a programme environment, will benefit from this course.

Benefits

Following the event, candidates will have had an opportunity to:

- Refresh their knowledge of the method.
- Apply their MSP™ knowledge to complex scenarios.
- Discuss different approaches with Event Manager and colleagues.
- Complete some Advanced Practice practitioner style questions & receive feedback on them.

Approach

For this 3-day exam event delegates effectively join the third part of the standard 8 - day public Advanced Practitioner training course. The event is a practical workshop focussing on refresher sessions, discussions and various exercises based on different written style sample questions. The Advanced Practitioner examination is taken at 2.00 pm on the third day and the exam papers are sent to APM Group for marking.