

Vets2PM PMI-ACP® Boot Camp Syllabus

COURSE SUMMARY

This 24-hour course prepares students to pass the PMI-ACP® Exam and utilize Agile project management methodologies on projects in any organization or industry.

We use various project examples, analogies, and terminology to solidify understanding of how to answer behavioral-based PMI-ACP® exam questions. This course fulfills the PMI requirement for 21 education contact hours.

Our training is specifically designed with the military Member, Veteran or Retiree in mind. Although most Veterans have a significant amount of project management experience from military service, the uniquely structured approach used in Agile project management is quite different. This presents the opportunity for us to provide a unique program taught by Veterans, for Veterans. This program ensures that helpful, valuable, connections between military experience, traditional Project Management experience, and Agile Project Management are made. The ultimate goals of this course are for the student to: gain the PMI-ACP® credential, increase their competitiveness for Project Manager positions, and enhance their ability to positively impact their organization's projects.

This course will help students develop:

1. the practical ability to use Agile techniques on projects, and during the exam;
2. an understanding of key concepts, terms, and tools;
3. proven, expert exam-taking skills.

COURSE MATERIALS

Vets2PM uses Andy Crowe's [The PMI-ACP® EXAM – How to Pass on Your First Try](#) as our textbook. Students will be given the book as part of their course packet, or may obtain it on their own, prior to the class. The book is free, included in the Vets2PM registration fee.

Students are encouraged to download our student guides from the Student Portal for access during class on a laptop or tablet device. Additionally, Vets2PM makes all of our learning content available to registered students, by providing 1 year of access to the Student Portal on our website.

The following content is available in the Student Portal:

1. Links to all upcoming PMI-ACP® Boot Camp webinars
2. Links to Video recordings from the current and previous PMI-ACP® Boot Camp webinars
3. Downloadable student guides

COURSE OUTLINE

Each session in an Online [webinar] class is approximately 4 hours in duration. Each weekday in an Onsite class includes 2 [two] sessions, each approximately 4 hours in duration totaling 8 hours daily.

Session 1 (schedule To Be Announced)

- Introduction to the Class and the Certification
- Exam Overview
- The Agile Manifesto and Agile Principles
- Waterfall vs. Agile

Session 2 (schedule To Be Announced)

- Review
- The Scrum Methodology
- Role of the Agile Coach

Session 3 (schedule To Be Announced)

- Review
- The eXtreme Programming [XP] Methodology
- Agile Workflow and Work Practices
- Test Driven Development [TDD] Methodology
- Feature Driven Development [FDD] Methodology

Session 4 (schedule To Be Announced)

- Review
- The Lean Software Development Methodology
- Kanban Methodology
- Agile Leadership
- Team Dynamics

Session 5 (schedule To Be Announced)

- Review
- Agile Activities
- Agile Project Capstone
- Agile Metrics
- Agile Charts and Reporting
- Misc. Agile Topics & Information

Session 6 (schedule To Be Announced)

- Review
- Ethics & Professional Conduct
- Agile Communication
- Comprehensive Review & Questions
- Course Wrap-Up

COURSE FEATURES

- 24 hours of live, online or onsite, instructor-led training
- PMI-recognized PDUs [Professional Development Units]
- PMI-ACP® application completion (each student will leave class capable and ready to submit a PMI-acceptable application)
- Student guides for all learning modules
- Downloadable samples of Agile project management artifacts and documents, based on notional [sample] projects
- Hands-on exercises to deliver and reinforce Agile project planning and execution
- Comparative ‘traditional’ and Agile project examples
- Links to sources of online practice questions
- Two week post-class study plan
- 1-year access to Student Portal and content
- 1-year access to all/any monthly instructor-led, on-line Webinar courses
- 1-year access to recorded Webinar training sessions (full course review)
- 1 year of individual or group coaching (as needed)
- Lifetime membership to the *Vets2PM Alumni LinkedIn* networking group
- Meets PMI's requirement for 21 ‘contact hours’, with a PMI-accepted Certificate of Completion
- Lifetime job placement assistance with Fortune 500 companies to include secure, online posting of your resume to our Employer Partner network

COURSE GUARANTEE

1-year training guarantee: This course may be taken as many times as desired within 1 year from registration date by joining monthly online classes.

TO PASS THE PMI-ACP® EXAM AND BE PLACED IN A PM JOB, YOU MUST:

1. Review a minimum of 500 practice exam questions;
2. Achieve a minimum score of 80% on practice exams;
3. Take a minimum of 1 full-length 3-hour, 120-question practice exam to determine your fatigue points, necessity of bathroom and snack breaks, etc. Time hacks and mental thresholds are key;
4. Read Andy Crowe’s The PMI-ACP® EXAM – How to Pass on Your First Try cover-to-cover twice;
5. Read the Glossary in Andy Crowe’s The PMI-ACP® EXAM – How to Pass on Your First Try a minimum of 3 times, and Chapter 10 [Test Domains] at least 4 times;
6. Recite verbatim, by memory, the Agile Manifesto, and understand it thoroughly;
7. Know the 12 Agile Principles, and be able to apply them to practice questions.

Good luck, and press hard!

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