

PROJECT MANAGEMENT GRADUATE CERTIFICATE



Balance skills and leadership as a project manager.

This one year Ontario College Graduate Certificate prepares students for a rewarding career in the field of Project Management, a highly sought discipline. As the marketplace becomes increasingly complex and globally competitive, organizations are expecting increasingly more out of project management practitioners. Those who can drive an organization's project performance and deliver strategic benefit are in high demand across many industries globally.

Algonquin College is a Registered Education Provider (REP) with the Project Management Institute (PMI)[®] and is approved by the PMI to issue Professional Development Units (PDU) for its training courses.

YOUR CAREER

Graduates may obtain employment as an:

- Assistant or Junior Project Manager
- Project Administrator
- Project Control Officer
- Project Coordinator
- Project Manager
- Project Scheduler
- Project Team Leader
- Director in Public and Private Sectors

This program is well suited to individuals who thrive in team based environments, are creative and strategic thinkers and are motivated to lead. Successful students are interested in how people and projects drive performance in organizations, possess strong communication skills and adapt well to change.

QUICK FACTS

- Students gain valuable hands-on project experience during the field placement or applied project.
- Professors are active project management practitioners and educators from diverse industries and international backgrounds.
- Students become members of the Project Management Institute through which they access many learning resources.

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Project Management Graduate Certificate Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the program and when are classes?

This Graduate Certificate is designed with the professional in mind. The program is offered over 2 semesters, starting in September and January. Students who start in January continue their second semester in the spring/summer. Classes are typically scheduled in the late afternoons, evenings and occasionally Saturdays.

Are classes online or in person?

All classes follow a hybrid course format which combines both in-class and out-of-class activities to reinforce student learning and development. The out-of-class component usually involves a wide range of learning activities, but often includes an online component. The face-to-face component enables relationship building and professional networking.

Can I work while doing this program?

We recognize that most students need to work to supplement their education. We have designed the course schedule to enable this. While some students have successfully maintained full-time employment while completing the program, keeping up with the workload can prove challenging. If you maintain a work schedule of more than 15 hours per week, you will need to be extremely organized, diligent and efficient to succeed. We recommend a concurrent work schedule of no more than 15 hours per week. The class times and condensed two semester format help students complete the certificate efficiently so that they can begin their career in the field of project management.

What would I learn?

With hands-on learning, the program integrates advanced concepts and provides exposure to key functional areas in project management, preparing students for leadership roles in project management. Students develop a critical understanding of ten knowledge areas according to A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK Guide)[®].

The combination of in-class and practical elements of project management enables students to acquire creative, practical and advanced expertise that contribute to the effective management of the critical elements and ensure overall project success. As part of the curriculum, students are engaged in a real world project which serves as a vehicle for incorporating and applying skills obtained during their academic studies and providing an opportunity to handle real-life situations.

Is there a work component to the program?

Yes. Students will follow one of two streams through the program to obtain hands-on experience in their second semester, either through a field placement or an applied project. For field placements, students provide 60 hours of project management services to an organization in the industry. To qualify for a field placement, students must meet academic requirements from the first term and be in good standing in the program. Applied projects offer students the opportunity to obtain hands-on real project experience either via a simulated experiential learning opportunity or via a project led by a faculty member. Both streams provide students the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills acquired, network with professionals in industry, and gain real-world experience.

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