

NC State Project Management Certificate – Frequently Asked Questions

Program Details

Q: What is the [Project Management Certificate](#)?

The certificate is a professional development program designed to build practical project management skills and prepare participants for Project Management Institute (PMI)[®] certifications, such as the Project Management Professional (PMP)[®] certification.

Q: Is the program online or in person?

Courses are offered primarily **online**, in a live webinar format from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on scheduled days. Some self-paced/asynchronous options may also be available in the future. In-person offerings may be available based on course needs and instructor availability.

Q: How long does it take to complete?

It is possible to complete the program in **6-12 months**, depending on your schedule and the availability of courses. You can take courses one at a time or more frequently, depending on your schedule. Participants have up to three years to complete the certificate program.

Q: Do I need to apply to NC State?

No. This is a **non-credit professional program**. You register directly for courses – no transcript, admissions application or test scores are required.

Eligibility and Requirements

Q: Who can enroll?

Anyone can register, regardless of previous degree or project management experience.

Q: Are there prerequisites?

The only required sequence is:

- *Foundations of Project Management* before *Foundations of Agile Project Management*. Otherwise, you may complete courses in any order.

- *Foundations of Agile Project Management* can be taken out of sequence depending on your project management experience.

Q: Does this program qualify me for the PMP® exam?

Yes. The program provides the **35 hours of project management education** required by PMI®. You will also need to meet PMI's professional experience requirements (3 years with a bachelor's degree, or 5 years with an associate degree or high school diploma). If you don't yet meet those requirements, the CAPM® certification may be a good first step. Please consult the [PMI website](#) for more information on CAPM.

Costs and Financial Assistance

Q: What is the cost of the program?

Costs vary depending on the courses you select. The total certificate investment is typically \$8,975 - \$10,675. Classes are \$1,995 with the exception of the PMP® Certification Exam Prep course, which is \$2,695. For more information on the cost, please [visit our website](#).

Q: Are there discounts?

Discounts are available for government employees and groups/teams. Please contact the NC State Office of Professional Development by email at continuingeducation@ncsu.edu or by phone at 919.515.2261 for more information.

Q: Can I use tuition benefits or financial aid?

The following benefits are available:

- **Employer Tuition Reimbursement:** Accepted. Please consult your employer.
- **Veterans Benefits:** Army Credentialing Assistance.

Payment plans are not available. Each course in the program is paid for individually.

Scheduling

Q: When do classes start?

Courses are offered throughout the year. New sections typically begin in the spring and fall. You can [view the current course calendar](#) on our website.

Q: Can I take classes part time?

Yes. Many participants complete one course at a time while working full time. This is a non-credit program and does not follow a traditional academic calendar.

Career Impact

Q: What careers does this help with?

The certificate supports advancement in project-based roles across industries, including:

- Business and IT project management
- Construction and engineering
- Healthcare and nonprofit leadership
- Education, government and more

Q: Does NC State help with job placement?

While we do not provide direct placement, participants benefit from NC State's strong professional network, alumni connections and career resources.

Next Steps

Q: How do I register?

You can register online in REPORTER for individual courses. [Visit our website for more information and to register.](#)

Q: Who can I talk to for advising?

Our program coordinator is available to help you choose the best track based on your experience and career goals. Contact us at continuingeducation@ncsu.edu or 919.515.2261.