

Course Outline - Managing Successful Programmes (MSP®) – Foundation & Practitioner Certificate

Audience Anyone who has a significant role within a programme environment and who wishes to gain a formal qualification, including :

- Programme Directors
- Senior Responsible Owners
- Programme Managers
- Business Change Managers
- Programme Office Manager
- Programme Office staff
- Project Executives and Managers

What is MSP? MSP (Managing Successful Programmes) is a framework for managing change and delivering organizational benefits from a set of related projects. It is regarded as best practice in the UK and is used by government departments, local authorities, charities and commercial organizations to coordinate and direct programmes of all kinds, regardless of scope, timescale or budget.

Objectives The course will enable delegates to :

- Understand the benefits and principles underlying a structured approach to programme management
- Recognise the processes required during change programmes which enable organisations to realise business benefits
- Apply the main MSP Principles, Governance Themes and Transformational Flow to a realistic programme case study
- Prepare for and take the MSP Foundation and Practitioner examinations

Duration **Five days**

Examinations Delegates are **not** required to carry out any significant pre-course preparation as our blend of learning methods provides comprehensive preparation for both examinations which are taken during the course.

However, the course is intensive and delegates are advised to undertake some revision work in the evenings to prepare for the examinations.

The course fee includes a copy of the latest edition of the official MSP Guide and all examination fees.



Course Content

A realistic case study scenario is used extensively throughout the course to allow delegates to consolidate their knowledge of MSP through hands-on, syndicate work.

Extensive use is also made of past papers to prepare delegates for the exams.

Module 1: MSP Foundation (3 Days)

- Course introduction
- MSP Overview and Principles
- Transformational Flow
- Governance Themes:
 - Organisation
 - Vision
 - Stakeholder Engagement & Leadership
 - Benefits Realisation Management
 - Business Case
 - Blueprint Design & Delivery
 - Planning and Control
 - Risk & issues
 - Quality Management
- Putting it all into practice
- Examination guidance and delegate preparation

- MSP Foundation Certificate Examination (40 minutes)
 - Multiple-choice
 - 50 questions - 30 correct answers or more are required to pass
 - Closed-book.

Module 2: MSP Practitioner (2 Days)

- Course introduction
- Recap on MSP principles, Governance Themes & Transformational Flow
- Being a Practitioner – Flows and Themes working together
- Examination guidance and delegate preparation

- MSP Practitioner Certificate Examination (2½ hours)
 - Objective testing
 - 8 questions - 80 marks available, 40 marks or more to pass
 - Open-book (only the MSP Guide is allowed)

