

# Executives Managing Projects In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century

*Course Length – 3 Days*

**Course Description:** This intensive three-day course will focus on ways executives can run projects faster and more effectively. This course will recommend a six-phase process and numerous preventative actions to efficiently speed up a project. Participants will learn how to successfully create, monitor, and guide the project's scope and critical path as well as how to manage multiple projects. Participants will diagnose and prevent problems such as scope creep, time slippage, and team conflicts.

**Method of teaching:** *Students will use discussion, cases, and group activities to facilitate the course.*

**Course Objectives:**

- Define the six step project management process
- Understand the project's life cycle
- Determine five ways to give proper leadership within culture
- Design an agenda for the first project team meeting
- Identify the triple constraints of every project
- Define the project drivers
- Demonstrate interviewing techniques that will assist in determining project specifics
- Review constraint red flags to watch
- Show how to set, control, and monitor project scope
- Summarize major areas to brainstorm
- Classify who to place on your project team
- Label role descriptions and project responsibilities when you have no position power
- Facilitate brainstorming and planning meetings
- Create a modified code of conduct for running an empowered team
- Examine forms in scheduling a project and possible scheduling issues
- Formulate a Work Breakdown Structure
- Track multiple projects
- Evaluate a real time line
- Evaluate why time calculations are wrong
- Examine characteristics of a milestone
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of a Gantt chart
- Define the critical path
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of a critical path
- Explore how to handle delays
- Examine steps in creating a project budget and developing a master budget control process
- Discuss implementation of project plan
- Identify seven things which must be communicated in every project
- Assess how to crash a project
- Implement close down checklists and handoff procedures
- Create action plan