

# POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PGDip (Project Management) - NQF Level 8 (120 credits)

**Qualification code: PDPJ20**

SAQA ID: 104707, CHE NUMBER: H/H16/E120CAN

Campus where offered: Pretoria Campus

## REMARKS

- a. *Admission requirement(s):*  
An Advanced Diploma **or** a Bachelor's degree, **or** a Baccalaureus Technologiae in Project Management, **or** an equivalent qualification at NQF Level 7.
- b. *Selection criteria:*  
Admission is subject to selection. All applicants received by the published due date will be evaluated and ranked according to the previous related qualification obtained. Only the top performing applicants will be selected as per Departmental Student Enrolment Plan (SEP). Selection will be done in January and results will be published on departmental notice boards and communicated to applicants per e-mail.
- c. *Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), equivalence and status:*  
See Chapter 30 of Students' Rules and Regulations.
- d. *Intake for the qualification:*  
January only.
- e. *Presentation:*  
Block-mode classes.
- f. *Minimum duration:*  
One year.
- g. *Exclusion and readmission:*  
See Chapter 2 of Students' Rules and Regulations.

## CURRICULUM

### YEAR MODULES

CODE	MODULE	NQF-L	CREDIT
RPJ108G	Advanced Research Methodology	(8)	(30)

### FIRST SEMESTER

BPJ118G	Behavioural Aspects for Project Managers	(8)	(12)
LPJ118G	Legal Aspects in Project Management	(8)	(12)
PPM118G	Portfolio and Program Management Principles	(8)	(15)

### SECOND SEMESTER

APJ118G	Agile Approaches to Project Management	(8)	(12)
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BCP118G	Business and Commercial Aspects of Projects	(8)	(15)
PIM118G	Project Management Information Systems and Management	(8)	(12)
SPJ118G	Strategic Project Management	(8)	(12)
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE QUALIFICATION:			<b>120</b>

## MODULE INFORMATION (OVERVIEW OF SYLLABUS)

The syllabus content is subject to change to accommodate industry changes. Please note that a more detailed syllabus is available at the Department or in the study guide that is applicable to a particular module. At time of publication, the syllabus content was defined as follows:

### A

#### **ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (RPJ108G) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT** (Module custodian: Department of Operations Management)

Identify and formulate research idea and problem. Conduct a literature review. Select a research approach and develop an appropriate research design. Plan the research methods. Gain access and research ethics. Piloting data collection instrument. Data analysis techniques. Outline of the research report. Prepare defendable research proposal. Present and communicate a final draft of a research proposal to a range of audiences. (Total notional time: 300 hours)

#### **AGILE APPROACHES TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT (APJ118G) 1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)** (Module custodian: Department of Operations Management)

Agile project management concepts, tools and techniques, agile approaches, processes, and roles in project management, when to use agile, the advantages and disadvantages, and the challenges of the agile approach when compared with traditional methods. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

### B

#### **BEHAVIOURAL ASPECTS FOR PROJECT MANAGERS (BPJ118G) 1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)** (Module custodian: Department of Operations Management)

Leadership in projects, high performance project teams, resource optimisation, mindfulness and optimal performance in projects, behavioural concepts, approaches and tools for resource planning, resource acquisition, resource development, managing resources required for the completion of a project activities, resource management and complexity theory in projects. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

#### **BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF PROJECTS (BCP118G) 1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)** (Module custodian: Department of Operations Management)

Business and commercial aspects of projects concepts, approaches, project tools and models for innovation, strategic alignment of projects, obtaining project funding, finance and cost management, project financial metrics, evaluation of project benefits, project benefits realisation, decision analysis on non-profitable projects. (Total notional time: 150 hours)

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#### **LEGAL ASPECTS IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT (LPJ118G) 1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)** (Module custodian: Department of Operations Management)

Legal aspects in project management, contracts in the project environment, procurement of resources during the project life cycle, the law of contract, as well as aspects of labour law and procurement management during the project lifecycle. (Total notional time: 120 hours)



**P****PORTFOLIO AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES (PPM118G)****1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)*****(Module custodian: Department of Operations Management)***

Principles of managing portfolios and programs, measuring portfolio performance, program maturity and understanding project governance issues, resource optimisation in programs and portfolios, program and portfolio risks, monitor and manage an organisation's interrelated portfolios, programs, and projects. (Total notional time: 150 hours)

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND MANAGEMENT (PIM118G)****1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)*****(Module custodian: Department of Operations Management)***

Project management information systems and management, its applicability and use in the project environment, techniques to leverage various information management tools in the project environment, IT/IS systems in complex projects environments and knowledge management in projects. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

**S****STRATEGIC PROJECT MANAGEMENT (SPJ118G)****1 X 4-HOUR PAPER (OPEN BOOK)*****(Module custodian: Department of Operations Management)***

Strategic project management in multi-project environments, align projects with the business strategy, business success versus project success, measuring project success, drivers of enterprise strategy and portfolio and program management. (Total notional time: 120 hours)

