

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Academic Year	2024 - 2025
Credential	Graduate Certificate
Program Delivery	Full - Time
Duration	1 Year
Length	2 Semesters
Program Code	B290 – Timmins Campus

DESCRIPTION

The Project Management Program is an Ontario College graduate certificate. The program prepares graduates to use a highly marketable skillset that they will develop in overall project management and leadership. Courses in this program focus on planning, scheduling, costing, as well as procurement and contract management. This program includes a capstone project to demonstrate your knowledge in a real world setting and with real projects.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Advocacy, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Critical Thinking, and Change Management skills in particular, are areas identified as being in strong demand. Graduates will have a unique opportunity to blend their background with the leadership and management outcomes AHRM. Upon graduation, student may find themselves working in one of these fields with Federal, Provincial, Local, Regional, First Nations, or Non-Profit organizations as:

- Project coordinator
- Project manager
- Office administrator
- Employed in various workplaces in the private and public sectors

VOCATIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Manage project goals, constraints, deliverables, performance criteria, quality control needs, and resource requirements as defined by international project stakeholders.
2. Align and adapt management and leadership strategies and styles when working on projects according to internal organizational culture and best practices in a Canadian business environment.
3. Facilitate communication, negotiation, and collaboration with international stakeholders to ensure the successful completion of projects.
4. Ensure compliance of ethical and professional standards in a Canadian business environment when managing projects.
5. Manage relationships and resolve conflict to establish motivation and promote positive organizational change.
6. Integrate inclusive practices to support equity and participation of diverse stakeholders when managing projects.

7. Use technology tools for communication, collaboration, planning, information support and decision-making purposes for planning and managing global projects.
8. Analyze financial information to promote operational effectiveness and to support the scope, planning, procurement, risk and cost management of projects.
9. Develop and manage a comprehensive project plan for global projects, programs and portfolios using technology and software systems to meet stakeholder requirements.

PROGRAM COURSES

The following reflects the planned course sequence for full-time offerings of the program. Programs at Northern College are delivered using a variety of instruction modes. Courses may be offered in the classroom or lab, entirely online, or in a hybrid mode which combines classroom sessions with virtual learning activities.

Semester 1		Hours
BU1443	Project Scheduling	42
BU1463	Project Planning	42
BU1513	General Business Principles	42
BU1523	Business Communication	42
BU2073	Career Planning and Professional Skills	42
BU4113	Project Management	42
Semester 2		
BU1453	Project Risk Management	42
BU1467	Project Management Capstone	42
BU1473	Project Leadership	42
BU1483	Project Cost and Finance Management	42
BU1493	Procurement and Contract Management	42
GN1443	Indigenous Culture and Awareness	42

PROGRAM PROGRESSION

The following reflects the planned progression for full-time offerings of the program.

Fall Intake

Sem 1: Fall 2024

Sem 2: Winter 2025

Winter Intake

Sem 1: Winter 2025

Sem 2: Summer 2025

ARTICULATION/TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

A number of articulation agreements have been negotiated with universities and other institutions across Canada, North America and internationally. These agreements are assessed, revised and updated on a regular basis. Please contact the program coordinator for specific details if you are interested in pursuing such an option. Additional information can be found at [Articulation Agreements](#).

WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This program has been developed with the intention to mirror learning requirements of the Project Management Institutes' Project Management Book of Knowledge (PMBOK). Upon completion of this program students will be prepared to apply to the PMI certification process and start their journey in eventually becoming Professional Project Managers.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

N/A

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission Requirements for International Students

1. Ontario equivalent of a three-year college diploma/university degree
2. English Proficiency
 - IELTS (Academic): overall 6.5 with no band less than 6

If your country of citizenship has English as its official language, we may accept alternate proof of English Proficiency. All educational documents must be submitted in English and will be dependent on the country of citizenship. For more information, please contact admissions@northern.on.ca.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 11 Program Courses
 - 1 General Education Course

GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY

To graduate from this program, a student must attain a minimum of 60% or a letter grade of CR (Credit) in each course in each semester unless otherwise stated on the course outline. Students should consult departmental policies and manuals for additional detail and exceptions.

GRADUATION WINDOW

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of two years (as stated above) may take a maximum of four years to complete their credential. After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about being admitted into the program, please contact Northern College Admissions at admissions@northern.on.ca or by phone at 705-235-3211 ext. 7222. For questions about the content of the program, contact the Program Coordinator.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Semester 1

BU1443 – Project Scheduling

In this course, students will learn and develop project management skills using the Microsoft Project platform. Students will learn basic and intermediate skills from the development of project plans, building tasks and assigning resources to advanced scheduling and detailed reporting. Students will be tasked with exercises to test their skills and development. This course will be instrumental in putting together their project plan and management for their capstone course. Effective project managers utilize Microsoft Project to effectively plan, schedule and allocate resources – and ensure efficient project completion. Students build expertise in managing constraints including time limits, human resources, materials, budget and specifications. Students master techniques for estimating, forecasting, budgeting, tracking progress and analyzing project performance.

BU1463 – Project Planning

In this course, students will expand on their basic understanding of project management. They will learn supporting functions of managing time effectively, conflicts, and other special topics used to help in understanding predictors for success and management support. The focus will be on organizational behavior required for planning, scheduling and controlling the project.

BU1513 – General Business Principles

In this course, students will be introduced to comprehensive business skillsets and will be provided with complete instruction in business concepts and skills students need in today's competitive environment. This course will offer extensive coverage in major business concepts in the areas of finance, Marketing, operations, and Management. Students will gain valuable information and skills for the workplace, as well as preparation for success in competitive events. Each skillset in general business principles can be applied in daily business interactions and serve valuable in the execution of projects as they affect the organization.

BU1523 – Business Communication

In this course, students will learn effective communication skills needed to be successful in the workplace. This course will allow students to learn and develop comprehensive writing and communication structures. Using communication techniques, business writing processes, and the development of cohesive business reports and proposals, students will get the foundational elements required to be effective communicators in a professional business setting.

BU2073 – Career Planning and Professional Skills

This course provides a framework for students to build a successful and satisfying career in their chosen field. Students are introduced to career planning skills and strategies for personal and professional growth, learning about career change & assessment, networking tools and the job search process. At the end of the course, students will develop skills in resume development, job interviewing, job searching as well as important life skills such as goal setting, business etiquette and personal presentation. To benefit the most from this course, active participation will be required as students will be learning experientially, collaboratively and cooperatively.

BU4113 – Project Management

This course is designed to provide the students the skills to work successfully in today's exciting project management environment, from how to organize and manage effective project teams, to planning, scheduling and cost management. Students also gain experience working with the latest version of today's most popular project management software, Microsoft Project 2010.

Semester 2

BU1453 – Project Risk Management

In this course, Students will learn how to manage project risks as they pertain to both the project itself and the stakeholders. Students will learn how to identify risks and determine their threat level and impact. This course will examine national and international risks compiled with both internal and external contexts. The response options and types of proposed treatment actions available for project risks are examined and validated against systematic project risk management and culturally shaped perspectives.

BU1467 – Project Management Capstone

Project managers add value to their organizations and various stakeholder groups through the application of their knowledge, skills, and talents. The Project Management Capstone course is your opportunity to use the knowledge you have acquired thus far, in a realistic setting. You will put to work your understanding of the five process groups and ten knowledge areas to demonstrate your readiness to take up new project challenges and launch a career in the project management profession. The intent is to use the project management body of knowledge in real world applied settings. You will have a broad range of choices in adopting a project for course work purposes. The instructor shall provide alternative assignments if logistical challenges are encountered.

BU1473 – Project Leadership

In this course, students will learn and develop a comprehensive skillset to the human side of project management. This course addresses the key leadership skills and managerial styles needed to effectively manage a project team, encompassing a number of key topics including team building, project governance, negotiation and networking and empowerment and collaboration. Students will master the fundamental knowledge needed to become a project leader. Using the information, examples and exercises in the course, students will learn the best ways to effectively manage teams, stakeholders and participants, whilst hitting targets throughout the project lifecycle.

BU1483 – Project Cost and Finance Management

In this course, students will learn the challenges of cost and value management in projects. They will focus on cash and value management through assessing project needs, developing, and understanding cost estimates, determining proper project budgets and activity-based costing methods. They will learn project cost control systems and its effect on cash flow management along with sources of project financing. They will gain an understanding of the concept of value and how to measure value and learn how to integrate cost and value into their projects.

BU1493 – Procurement and Contract Management

In this course, Students will learn project procurement and contracting processes and clarify agreements between buyers and sellers. Topics such as procurement, conducting a tendering process, negotiating and administering contracts are explored. By participating in discussions, analyzing readings and conducting research, students develop an understanding of the legal implications of contracts as they relate to project success.

GN1443 Indigenous Culture and Awareness

This general education course will provide students with an introduction to Canadian Indigenous Nations' history, sovereignty, land titles, cultural history and current critical issues. Topics addressed include the content of Indigenous rights, economic and social development, community and political processes, and business law and policies, justice & social services. Canadian Indigenous History and Relations is a general education course that has been incorporated into all programs at Northern College.