

# Practical Project Scheduling Easy CPM 1-Day Virtual Workshop

**Note**: Sessions are designed to be run over 3 days (consecutively, weekly, etc.)

# Session 1: Introduction to scheduling & the 5-STEPS to success

Introductions & house keeping

Project success and failure

The origins of CPM

**Introduction to 5-STEPS and Easy CPM** 

### Step 1- Planning the planning

- Designing a 'Useful Schedule'
  - o Key schedule design questions
  - Level of detail needed
  - Planning the work
- Establish the Schedule Framework
  - Development sequence
  - Define the project scope
  - o Understand the schedule stakeholders
  - Schedule levels & Rolling Wave
  - o The update cycles
  - Calendars, codes and resources
- Obtain signoff on the plan

### Step 2 - Develop the Schedule

- Define the project Milestones
- Design the project Activities
- Sequence the Activities
  - Link types
  - Issues and problems with Links

# Session 2: Analysis, Resources and Updating

# Step 2 - Analyse the Schedule

- Determine Activity Durations
- Critical Path Analysis
- Float and the critical path
- Constraints
- Crashing and Fast Tracking



# Step 3 - Set Reasonable Objectives

- Resources
  - Identify resources
  - Negotiate to acquire
  - o Resource aggregation, smoothing and levelling
  - o Impact on Float and the Critical Path
- Set the project baseline schedule
- Contingencies

# Session 3: Maintenance, Quality, Contracts, and Claims

# Step 4 - Maintaining the plan & manage for success

- The power of regular updates
  - o Involve stakeholders
  - o Gain and maintain commitment
- Statusing and Updating
  - Data collection
  - Statusing & Review
  - Updating & Agree
  - o Information distribution
- Roles and responsibilities
- Making the schedule matter

# Step 5 - Reviewing and validating the schedule

- Validating the schedule
- Understanding Risk and Uncertainty
  - PERT
  - o Monte Carlo (the moving critical path)
- Measuring conformance
  - o Standards
  - DCMA 14 Point assessment
  - Assessment tools
- Contracts and 'the schedule'
  - The 'Delay and Disruption Protocol'
  - Useful resources

# Conclusion

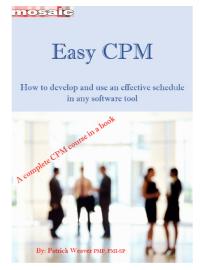
- Wrap-up and final remarks



### **Course inclusions**

Each trainee will receive a free copy of:

# Easy CPM - How to develop and use an effective schedule in any software tool



**Easy CPM** is a self-paced course-in-a-book, supported by Mosaic Project Services Pty Ltd. The purpose of this 'course-in-a-book' is to provide practical guidance to people involved in developing, or using schedules based on the Critical Path Method (CPM). The book is designed to act as a reference and practice guide to enhance the effectiveness of their scheduling practice after they have learned to use the CPM scheduling software of their choice.

The book is divided into six sections, each section includes guidance on an aspect of CPM scheduling, references, and a set of 20 questions; with the answers in Section 7. Section 8 incorporates the appendix.

Open the Book2Look preview to see the full table of contents, sample pages, and sample questions & answers. The free preview is available at: <a href="https://www.book2look.com/book/kjAKgHncnf">https://www.book2look.com/book/kjAKgHncnf</a>

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