U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA ACQUISITION ACADEMY

Program Management School (PM School)

The VA Acquisition Academy (VAAA) Program Management School (PM School) provides a **professional development program for project and program managers**, personnel designated to become contracting officer's representatives (CORs), and other acquisition workforce professionals to foster skills to effectively lead integrated product teams, oversee budgeting and governance processes, satisfy agency missions, and achieve expected outcomes.

5,834 students
TRAINED IN FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING (FAC-COR, FAC-P/PM, CONTINUOUS LEARNING COURSES).

91.4% successful graduation rate
IN FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING

Program Management Engagement workshops are conducted in partnership with PCAC, Office of Enterprise Integration, Veterans Benefits Administration, and VEO.

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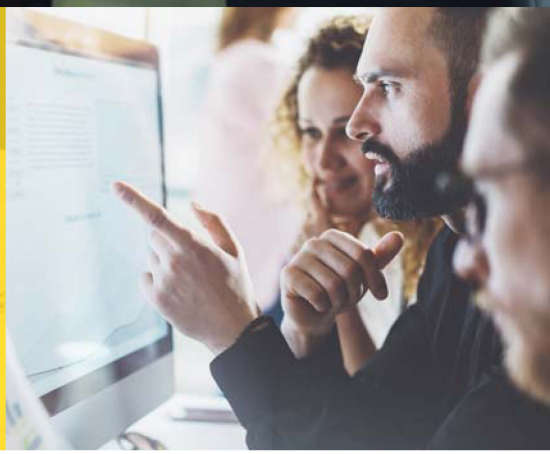
The PM School provides training series in support of the Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Management (FAC-P/PM), Federal Acquisition Certification for Contracting Officer Representatives (FAC-COR), and Continuous Learning Points (CLPs) courses in support of maintaining certifications.



THE VAAA PM SCHOOL TRAINING COURSES INCLUDE:

Entry-Level FAC-P/PM

Designed for those new to Federal sector project management. Using a scenario-based approach, participants learn roles, responsibilities, decision points, and key deliverables required for effective project management.

Mid-Level FAC-P/PM

Designed for those project managers with at least two years of experience who are now overseeing programs (not just individual projects). Participants will learn how to build project management best practice tools to successfully manage their projects.

Senior-Level FAC-P/PM

Targets experienced program managers with a minimum of four years managing large, complex projects and programs. The curriculum will enhance the participant's implementation of best practices and integrate the leadership and collaboration skills to lead teams and interact with other stakeholders.

FAC-COR

Provides the knowledge and skills needed to properly execute the COR tasks and responsibilities, such as acquisition planning, market research, preparation of the Statement of Work/Performance Work Statement (SOW/PWS), development of the Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP), technical evaluations of proposals, and monitoring contract performance. Course instruction includes best practices regarding COR communication, integrated product teams (IPTs), documentation, and technical duties supporting the Contracting Officer (CO) within the acquisition process.

Continuous Learning Points (CLPs)

Professional learning by acquisition workforce members serves to improve the outcome of Federal procurements and benefits the public interest. Regular participation in continuous learning activities enhances the skills of acquisition professionals, affords them opportunities for professional growth, and improves the quality of services rendered. The PM School provides the acquisition workforce with a variety of course options to earn CLPs that fulfill the training/education requirements to maintain certification.