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# PMI-ACP® Training

## ABOUT PMI-ACP®

ACP stands for Agile Certified Practitioner and is a certification by Project Management Institute (PMI). ACP is focused on Agile, incremental delivery based environments. Project management processes and performance measures are different for innovation- and experimentation-based approaches than they are for traditional- and specification-based ones. Traditional project management processes and practices emphasize complete early planning and requirements specification with minimal ongoing change. Agile - innovation-based processes emphasize nominal early planning, good enough requirements, and experimental and evolutionary design with significant ongoing learning and change.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The ACP credential is applicable to anyone working with the customer team, delivery team, business team or functional team.

- Product Manager
- Product Owner
- Programmer
- Developer
- Designer
- Tester
- Project Manager
- Project Lead
- Team Leader
- Engineer
- Business Analyst
- Systems analyst
- UI expert
- Domain expert
- Subject Matter expert



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## AGILE WORKS.....

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## IKOMPASS APPROACH TO ACP CERTIFICATION

Our course covers all the concepts required to ace the Agile Certified Practitioner exam. Designed and created by ACP certified trainers, our content reflects years of experience in Agile environments with specific focus on best practices. This is a blended program, e-learning and classroom training, structured to help you obtain the ACP credential in 4 to 6 weeks. Our trainers will hand hold you throughout the duration until you become certified.

- **3 days classroom training**
- (All our trainers are ACP + PMP certified)
- 60 days access to e-learning (extendable on request)
- Over 500 practice questions
- Agile templates
- ACP Course manual
- Individual application support
- 24 PDUs

*Our trainers will work closely with each participant through the application process.....*

### General Project Experience



### Agile Experience



### Agile Training



## ELIGIBILITY

The requirements for the ACP exam include having:

- 2000 hours of general project related experience (not needed if you are a PMP)
- 1500 hours of agile related experience
- 21 education hours in Agile
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The eligibility to take the ACP exam includes determining:

- Do you work in environments that have products designed or created in increments?
- Are your deliverables mapped according to releases or phases or milestones?
- Do you do planning at multiple horizons; quarterly, monthly, weekly etc?
- Do you do estimates for the tasks that you would be working on?
- Do you constantly adapt your work according to the feedback you receive from your customers?

### Exam





## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AGILE AND TRADITIONAL PROJECTS

In many traditional environments, the project manager is held accountable for the success of the project. Agile environments operate in an environment in which the whole team is held responsible for the success or failure of the project. In traditional project management, plans and estimates are typically made once, in a “big bang,” front-loaded approach, and the rest of the project is spent adjusting to reality.

In agile environments, every iteration is an opportunity to reconsider the plan and adjust to reality for the next iteration. Agile methods have the potential to make a huge difference in competitive advantage. They can produce orders of magnitude improvements in productivity, quality, and schedule compression, which in turn can change entire business models.

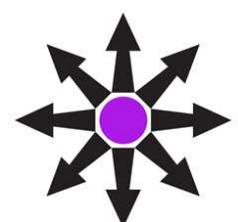
### AGILE MANIFESTO

In 2001, a group of 17 “lightweight” methodologists met in Snowbird, Utah, to discuss their approaches to delivering software. This led to the creation of the Agile Manifesto. The PM ACP exam content covers the Agile manifesto in detail:

“We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:

- Individuals and Interactions over Processes and Tools
- Working Software over Comprehensive Documentation
- Customer Collaboration over Contract Negotiation
- Responding to Change over Following a Plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.”



## AGILE NUMBERS...

Some well known statistics demonstrating the business case for implementing agile processes:

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Fifteen months after adopting Scrum, an agile methodology, 86% of Salesforce.com employees reported much higher job satisfaction.

During their first year of being agile, Salesforce.com reported that they delivered 586% more value.

There is 66% less overtime when agile processes are implemented.

## IKOMPASS CASE STUDY BASED LEARNING

As part of the classroom training, participants will be introduced to multiple case studies covering different industries and scenarios. A few of the scenarios covered includes:

- Software development from a customer's perspective
- Application development from a vendor's perspective
- Enhancements to legacy systems using agile
- Web based application development through distributed teams
- Systems development using agile in industries such as education,

banking, telecom

In addition to the examples and case studies covered, participants are encouraged to bring up situations from their own domains for discussion. The pedagogy is designed to encourage a collaborative form of learning.



*Diverse examples and case studies*

## AGILE METHODS COVERED

### Agile Methods covered in training:

There are a number of Agile methodologies for development. All Agile methodologies engage in an iterative workflow and incremental delivery of working software in short time-boxed iterations. An iteration is essentially a small release of software. Agile methods covered as part of our ACP training include:

- SCRUM
- Extreme Programming (XP)
- Lean software development

A recent study conducted by the Agile Journal determined that 88% of companies, many with more than 10,000 employees, are using or evaluating agile practices on their projects. Agile is becoming the dominant software development paradigm. This trend is also echoed in other industry studies, including one conducted by Dr. Dobb's Journal (DDJ), which found a 76% adoption rate of agile techniques, and within those organizations doing agile, 44% of the project teams on average are applying agile techniques in some way.

## ABOUT IKOMPASS

iKompass is a boutique project management consulting company. Our core offering is broken into two verticals; Consulting and training. We provide consulting in the areas of strategizing, methodology development, project planning, monitoring and value management. We work with diverse industries such as government, banking, telecom and software development. Headquartered in Singapore, we have regional offices in Malaysia, UK, Philippines, Indonesia, India and USA. Our training vertical specializes in providing project management courses and certification based courses such as PMP, PgMP, ACP etc



*“learning is fun when it is done the right way.....”*

## REGISTERED EDUCATION PROVIDER

iKompass is a registered education provider of the Project Management Institute (PMI) USA and EXIN Netherlands. All our courses are designed by our own project managers and have been highly rated for its interactivity, design and degree of achieving the learning outcomes.



## AGILE IS ABOUT RESPONDING TO CHANGE

People change their priorities for a variety of reasons. As work progresses, stakeholders' understanding of the problem domain and of your solution changes, as does the business environment and even the underlying technology.

Change is a reality of software development, a reality that your delivery process must reflect. There is nothing wrong with having a project plan; in fact, we would be worried about any project that didn't have one. However, a project plan must be malleable and should only be detailed for the near term (a few weeks or less).

### DELIVER FAST...

Agile methods are based on short iterative delivery cycles. Estimates are done based on the amount of work the team can accomplish in a set period of time. Requirements are expected to evolve and change is embraced.

In Agile methods, success is measured by business value delivered

### SIGN UP

Talk to our trainers and explore options. Our trainers will spend time with you to take you through the process and answer your questions without obligation.

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