



# Training with Aravena Global Solutions MSP™ Practitioner Course Information

## General

Organisations exist in a climate of constant and increasing change that includes many dynamic and contradictory drivers (mergers, technology, regulation, policies, etc). Organisations that have learnt how to transform themselves through effective leadership and strategic control are more likely to survive and prosper. Programme management is increasingly being recognised as a key tool to enable organisations to manage that transformation.

Managing Successful Programs (MSP) represents proven programme management good practice in successfully delivering transformational change. The method is in the public domain, drawn from the experiences of both public and private sector organisations and provides:

- An adaptable route map for programme management, bringing together key principles, Governance Themes and a set of interrelated processes to facilitate the flow of business transformation
- Advice on how these programme management principles, themes and flow can be embedded, reviewed and applied to gain measurable benefits from business change.

For all those implementing or playing a role in a business programme, from executive management downwards, you can apply the principles of MSP and the associated training to undertake the practical steps that can lead to success and achievement of the benefits that align with the strategic change.

## Course Offerings

Aravena Global Solutions, as an affiliate of Aspire Europe for MSP, offers a range of courses that are focussed on different outcomes.

- PM 301          MSP Overview
- PM 302          MSP Foundation
- PM 303          MSP Practitioner
- PM 304          MSP Advanced Practitioner

The MSP Foundation course (PM302) enables programme management staff to apply MSP within a programme environment and to understand the method in enough detail to pass the Foundation level accreditation examination. The course is of 3.5 days duration.

The MSP Practitioner course (PM303) expands PM302 and enables programme managers and members of programme management teams to know the MSP method in enough detail to pass the Practitioner level accreditation examinations, and be able to use the method in their normal daily project work. The course is of 5 days duration.

Standard inclusions on the Practitioner Course comprise:

- Course notes, exercises and sample papers
- The text, *Managing Successful Programmes*
- *MSP in a Nutshell* - process map
- APMG Foundation and Practitioner Examinations (internationally accredited qualifications for each delegate who passes the exams)

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## **What to expect from your MSP Practitioner Course**

The Aravena Global Solutions course follows the structure where the bulk of MSP information is delivered over 3.5 days, leaving 1.5 days for examinations, discussions and the application of the knowledge for the Practitioner course. Supplementing the course work is some homework consisting of additional exercises, practice examinations and study review which will assist you to understand the method (and pass the examinations).

### **What's involved?**

As a result of the course structure and the examination requirements there is large amount of information to absorb and any pre-reading you are able to do on the methodology will greatly assist you. You should allow up to 2 hours each evening for reviewing the days work and practicing sample questions for both exams.

### **Accreditation**

The MSP examinations aim to enable you to be able to apply MSP to the running and managing of a programme within an environment supporting MSP. To this end you will need to exhibit the competence required for the Foundation qualification, and show, via the Practitioner exam, that you can apply and tune MSP to address the needs and problems of a programme.

The 40 minute multiple choice question Foundation examination and 2 ½ hour objective test Practitioner Examination are set by APMG and included as part of the course. Both these exams require a score better than 60% in order to achieve the applicable certification and/or progress to the highest certification of Advanced Practitioner, which requires passing an essay based open book paper.

### **Aravena's commitment to you**

Whilst Aravena has attempted to not make the course too exam focussed (*aiming to educate rather than certify*), a number of delegates do become exam focussed. This is understandable as the course is not cheap and delegates want to get value from their investment in terms of a recognised qualification. That said, we will make every effort to ensure that all you enjoy your attendance and come away better educated with regards to programme management and the application of the MSP method.

The Practitioner course is designed for delegates who have had some programme management experience and there is often a broad range of experience in programmes among the delegates that is invaluable to assisting your learning. If you have limited experience you may find the course more difficult but not impossible.

For further information about this course, or other Aravena services, please contact [admin@aravena.com.au](mailto:admin@aravena.com.au).