Project Management Certification

What’s in It for You

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Sharp HealthCare

- Not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system (*Largest non-government employer in San Diego*)
- 4 Acute Care Hospitals
- 3 Specialty Hospitals
- 2,600 physicians including 1,000 in two affiliated medical groups
- 50+ Service lines and Programs
- Sharp Health Plan
Sharp IS Environment

- Over 800 applications
- 300 systems supported by the division
- 400+ IS employees
Information Services
Project Management at Sharp

• 11 full-time Project Managers
• Average of 15 years project management experience each
• All are PMP certified
• 14 Project Implementation Coordinators and Entity Coordinators
Wide Variety of Projects/Programs

- New system implementations
- Upgrades and expansions
- IT infrastructure on construction projects
- Central infrastructure implementations and upgrades
- Touching any and all areas of the health system
Value of Certification

Recognize first the value of the journey

• Improves confidence in:
  – Mastery of common professional language and project management theory
  – Commitment to a career in the project management profession
  – Experience with all elements of the project management life cycle
  – Ability to apply proven principals and techniques to a variety of situations
Value of Certification

From a persona/professional development perspective:

• Equipped with both the mental and physical tools to deal with unexpected challenges or opportunities
• Can apply them to nearly any situation that has the characteristics of a project
• Speak the same language as practitioners all over the world
• Part of a community dedicated to the ethical and professional performance of project management
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