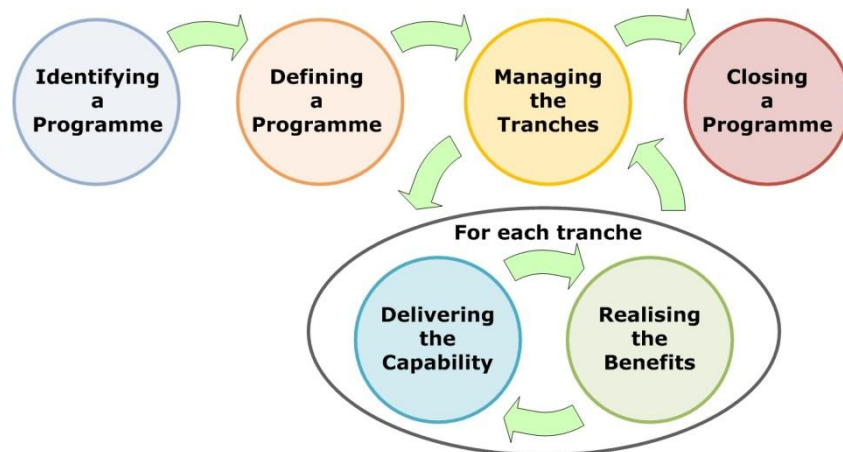# Inspiring MSP® Training

About MSP

MSP is an acronym of *Managing Successful Programmes*. MSP provides a set of principles, governance themes and transformational flow processes for use when establishing and managing a programme. It is founded on best practice although it is not prescriptive. It is very flexible and designed to be adapted to meet the needs of local circumstances.

About Inspiring Projects

Inspiring Projects, a division of Aspire Australasia Pty Ltd, has been recognised by APMG International as an Accredited Training Organisation, licensed to deliver training in MSP and other Best Management Practice products. We offer training throughout the Asia Pacific region. We have had over 10 years' experience in using MSP in real programmes, and bring this deep experience to our courses. We also contributed to the current version of the MSP manual.

About our training

Our MSP training is designed to assist people and organisations to quickly develop the skills base and 'know-how' needed to effectively adopt and apply MSP. Our trainers and training materials are regarded as among the best available in Australasia. We incorporate the latest research in effective learning into our approaches. In support of the different ways people learn, our courses include a mixture of presentations, hands-on activities, discussions and review sessions. After their courses, our delegates are given access to the tools we have developed to increase the success of our clients' programmes. In addition to our accredited Foundation and Practitioner courses, we offer associated executive briefings and short courses, and workshops on specific skills needed in a MSP programme management environment.

Additional support

We can deliver any of our courses in-house, and customise our courses to better suit your needs. We also provide ongoing coaching and mentoring support, as well as in-depth consulting and project start-up, review and rescue services.

Contact us

To learn more about how MSP and our services can benefit you, or to register on one of our courses, or to ask for more information or a quote, call us now on 03 9015 9459, email training@InspiringProjects.com.au or visit www.InspiringProjects.com.au.

MSP Combined Foundation and Practitioner Course

Course Code	MSPC5
Overview	The Combined course blends our Foundation course and Practitioner seminar. Each participant is first provided with a solid Foundation in MSP concepts, and is then advanced to a Practitioner understanding of how to apply MSP in realistic programme scenarios and adapt MSP to different programme environments.
Course Objectives	By the end of the Foundation Course delegates will: • Understand MSP's integrated elements and their relationships, building on delegates' own experience and knowledge of large-scale change; • Understand the benefits thread through MSP that ensures that the entire programme is predicated and focussed on realisation of benefits; • Understand how MSP could be applied in real life situations and undertake practical work in a supportive training environment; • Have received careful and detailed preparation for the Foundation Exam. By the end of the Practitioner Seminar delegates will be: • Able to describe and apply all facets of programme management, in accordance with the MSP method; • Know how to set up and manage complex programmes, tailoring MSP while ensuring effective integration of projects; • Monitor the objectives of a programme and make the essential adjustments needed to respond to changes in the environment; • Fully prepared for the Practitioner Exam.
Who Should Attend	People who must identify, define, govern, manage or act in a programme management framework, including senior executive sponsors, programme managers, programme office staff, business architects, change managers, and operational managers responsible for transition and benefits realisation.
Prerequisites	There are no prerequisites for the course.
Course Content	The Foundation course covers MSP's: • Principles, or good practices underpinning every programme; • Governance Themes, or guidance on critical aspects of programme management; • Transformational Flow, or programme lifecycle. The MSP Foundation Exam is a 1 hour closed book exam. There are 75 multiple choice questions. The candidate must correctly answer 50% or more of the questions to pass the exam. The Practitioner Seminar is a scenario based training course focusing on the application of MSP under different programme environments and scenarios. Review and revision sessions of all MSP elements are included throughout the training. The MSP Practitioner Exam is a 2½ hour, open manual, scenario based multiple choice exam. The exam consists of 80 questions across 8 syllabus areas presented in the following styles: Classical multiple choice; Yes/No; Multiple response; Matching; Sequencing; Assertion/Reason. The candidate must correctly answer 50% or more of the questions to pass the exam. Candidates for the Practitioner Exam must have passed the Foundation Exam. There will be homework each evening. We conduct the exams on behalf of APMG.
Included with the course	Our Pre-Course Reading Guide. We do recommend that participants complete 10 - 12 hours of pre-course reading, but this is not mandatory; The MSP Manual; Foundation Delegate Workbook including activities, discussions, quizzes and sample exams; Practitioner Delegate Workbook including activities and sample exams; Our MSP Desk Reference Chart; Foundation and Practitioner Exams; Lunch, and morning and afternoon refreshments; Post-course support, including access to our alumni-only resources; A pre-course pack consisting of the Pre-Course Reading Guide and the MSP Manual will be sent to all participants who complete registration at least 10 days before scheduled course start.
Delivery	Public or in-house classroom-style over 5 days. eLearning and blended offerings coming.
Availability	There is a public schedule of Foundation, Practitioner and Combined courses on our website.
Professional	PMI: 40 PDUs; AIPM: 30 CPD points

MSP Foundation Course

Course Code	MSPF3
Overview	The Foundation course provides participants with a solid Foundation in MSP concepts.
Course Objectives	By the end of the Foundation Course delegates will: • Understand MSP's integrated elements and their relationships, building on delegates' own experience and knowledge of large-scale change; • Understand the benefits thread through MSP that ensures that the entire programme is predicated and focussed on realisation of benefits; • Understand how MSP could be applied in real life situations and undertake practical work in a supportive training environment; • Have received careful and detailed preparation for the Foundation Exam.
Who Should Attend	• Experienced Programme Managers who need to be able to work effectively in an MSP environment; • Senior Project Managers seeking an advancement to programme management; • 'Centre of excellence' staff who need a solid understanding of MSP to tailor the method for their organisations; • Strategy implementation planners who need an effective framework for planning and implementing major transformational change; • Project and programme support staff wanting to learn how to effectively operate in an MSP environment; • Anyone wishing to round out their resume with a formal internationally recognised programme management certification; • Project Managers and Programme Office staff keen to develop their skills and identify opportunities for further career advancement.
Prerequisites	There are no prerequisites for the course, however some exposure to programme management concepts would be useful.
Course Content	The training is a scenario based training course focusing on the application of MSP under different programme environments and scenarios. Review and revision sessions of all MSP elements are included throughout the training. Topics covered include: • The principles of programme management • The Governance Themes (Knowledge Areas) of MSP • The MSP Transformational Flow • Adopting MSP. The MSP Foundation Exam is a 1 hour closed book exam. There are 75 multiple choice questions. The candidate must correctly answer 50% or more of the questions to pass the exam. We conduct the exam on behalf of APMG. There will be homework each evening.
Included with the course	Our Pre-Course Reading Guide. We do recommend that participants complete 10 - 12 hours of pre-course reading, but this is not mandatory; The MSP Manual; Foundation Delegate Workbook including activities, discussions, quizzes and sample exams; Our MSP Desk Reference Chart; Foundation Exam; Lunch, and morning and afternoon refreshments; Post-course support, including access to our alumni-only resources; A pre-course pack consisting of the Pre-Course Reading Guide and the MSP Manual will be sent to all participants who complete registration at least 10 days before scheduled course start.
Delivery	Public or in-house classroom-style over 3 days. eLearning and blended offerings coming.
Availability	We offer a public schedule of Foundation courses.
Professional	PMI: 24 PDUs; AIPM: 15 CPD points

MSP Practitioner Seminar

Course Code	MSPP2
Overview	The MSP Practitioner Seminar provides each participant with a Practitioner understanding of how to apply MSP in realistic project scenarios and adapt MSP to different programme environments
Course Objectives	By the end of the Practitioner Seminar delegates will be: • Able to describe and apply all facets of programme management, in accordance with the MSP method; • Know how to set up and manage complex programmes, tailoring MSP while ensuring effective integration of projects; • Monitor the objectives of a programme and make the essential adjustments needed to respond to changes in the environment; • Fully prepared for the Practitioner Exam.
Who Should Attend	• Experienced Programme Managers who need to be able to work effectively in an MSP environment; • Senior Project Managers wishing to move into programme management; • 'Centre of excellence' staff and strategy implementation planners who need a solid understanding of MSP to tailor the method for their organisations; • Project and programme support staff wanting to learn how to effectively operate in an MSP environment; • Anyone wishing to round out their resume with a formal internationally recognised project management certification.
Prerequisites	Participants must have previously completed the Foundation course. Delegates must have passed the Foundation exam to sit the Practitioner exam.
Course Content	The course is scenario based, and focuses on the application of MSP under different programme environments and scenarios. Review and revision sessions of all MSP elements are included throughout the training. There will be homework each evening. The MSP Practitioner Exam is a 2½ hour, open manual, scenario based multiple choice exam. The exam consists of 80 questions across 8 syllabus areas presented in the following styles: Classical multiple choice; Yes/No; Multiple response; Matching; Sequencing; Assertion/Reason. The candidate must correctly answer 55% or more of the questions to pass the exam. Candidates for the Practitioner Exam must have passed the Foundation Exam. We conduct the exams on behalf of APMG.
Included with the course	Practitioner Delegate Workbook including activities and sample exams; Practitioner Exam; Lunch, and morning and afternoon refreshments; Post-course support, including access to our alumni-only resources.
Delivery	Public or in-house classroom-style over 2 days. eLearning and blended offerings coming.
Availability	We offer a public schedule of Practitioner courses.
Professional	PMI: 16 PDUs; AIPM: 15 CPD points

MSP Practitioner Reregistration Seminar

Course Code	MSPR2
Overview	In line with international standards on accreditation, the registration of MSP Practitioners and MSP Advanced Practitioners expires after 5 years. Practitioners may reregister from 3 to 5 years after the date they attained their registration. This Seminar provides each participant with an update on changes to MSP since they became registered, then prepares them to sit the Practitioner Reregistration Exam.
Course Objectives	The Practitioner Reregistration Seminar will: • Provide participants with a bridging between the previous and current versions of MSP; • Provide careful and detailed preparation for the Practitioner Reregistration Exam or the Advanced Practitioner Reregistration Exam.
Who Should Attend	MSP Practitioners and Advanced Practitioners whose registration is about to expire, and who wish to extend their registration.
Prerequisites	Participants must be Registered MSP Practitioners or Registered MSP Advanced Practitioners.
Course Content	The Reregistration Seminar is in two parts: • A bridging briefing, during which we provide candidates with an update on recent changes to MSP; • Preparation for the relevant Reregistration Exam. The MSP Practitioner Reregistration Exam is a 1 ¼ hour, open manual, scenario based multiple choice exam. The candidate must provide responses to 3 questions presented in the following styles: Classical multiple choice; Yes/No; Multiple response; Matching; Sequencing; Assertion/Reason. The maximum score for the exam is 30 marks. The candidate must score 50% or more marks to pass the exam. Candidates for the Practitioner Reregistration Exam must have previously passed the Practitioner Exam. We conduct the exam on behalf of APMG. The MSP Advanced Practitioner Reregistration Exam takes the form of a 2000 – 4000 word "dissertation" (suggested target 2500 words) on a specific subject (selected from a range of topics) demonstrating application of MSP. It would ideally be based on a "real life" programme that the candidate has worked within. If this is not possible (if a candidate has not recently worked within a programme or their programme contains classified information), it would be acceptable to base it on the Advanced Practitioner Case Study "MSP Care". There are no time restrictions imposed on this dissertation. The dissertation will be marked out of a possible 75 marks with the candidate needing 38 marks to achieve a pass. Candidates for the Advanced Practitioner Reregistration Exam must have previously passed the Advanced Practitioner Exam. Successful candidates will be required to re-register within 3-5 years of the renewed certification.
Included with the course	Our MSP Bridging Guide, outlining recent changes to MSP The latest version of the MSP Manual The latest version of our MSP Desk Reference chart Delegate Workbook including activities and sample exams The relevant Reregistration Exam Lunch, and morning and afternoon refreshments Post-course support, including access to our alumni-only resources.
Delivery	Classroom style or self-guided study
Availability	We run this seminar only when there is sufficient demand. We keep track of people with particular needs, and contact them when we are able to meet their need. If this is you, please register your interest in this seminar on our website and we will add you to the waiting list. Alternatively, you can request a quotation for an in-house seminar.
Professional	PMI: 16 PDUs; AIPM: 14 CPD points