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Role of the Project Manager

OERu

Show us that you know how to demonstrate knowledge of the different roles in project management and how to manage stakeholders and lead teams.

The Role of the project manager (IPM101) is the first of four micro-courses for Introduction to project management - a standalone 16 credit course for OERu .

- Level 5
- Credits 4
- \$80 NZD (GST incl.)

Assessment

You are required to submit evidence of the following:

1. Analyse relevant theories of project management.
2. Identify factors likely to optimise team engagement.

All work for this EduBit must be your own. Any supporting references must be in the [APA style](#).

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Learning Recommendations

Project management in context

<https://oer.nz/pmcontext>

Describing project management

<https://oer.nz/pmdescription>

Stakeholder management

<https://oer.nz/pmstakeholders>

Leading effective teams

<https://oer.nz/pmleadingteams>

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Tasks

Proof of Identity

Please provide a scanned copy of photo identification (e.g. passport, drivers licence, work ID card).

Task 1: General Information

Please provide:

Provide a brief description of your current role, why you are submitting this Edubit assessment and if you have any prior work experience in project management or a related field. (This information is not assessed but is intended to provide context for your assessor.)

Task 2: Stakeholder analysis for an infrastructure project.

I can:

- 2.1. Explain a major infrastructure project that is underway, complete or proposed in my region (e.g. a bridge, road, building or something of that nature.)
- 2.2. Conduct a stakeholder analysis for the infrastructure you identified.

By providing:

- 2.1. A paragraph with a brief description (four (4) to five (5) sentences) of the infrastructure project you identified including optional references about the project (e.g. News report, project website etc.) using the APA style. (Consult [APA style](#) published by the University of Canterbury.)
- 2.2. A table evaluating key stakeholders with three (3) columns:
 - Column 1: List of the stakeholders.
 - Column 2: Explanation of the stakeholders' expected outcomes for the project.
 - Column 3: Analyse the influence each stakeholder has over the project.

Task 3: Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) for an infrastructure project.

I can:

- 3.1 Describe the ten (10) PMBOK knowledge areas.
- 3.2 Analyse the PMBOK knowledge areas and their application to the infrastructure project (Task 2) with relevant examples.

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By providing:

3.1. A description of a minimum of five (5) and up to ten (10) of the PMBOK knowledge areas in your own words.

3.2. An analysis of the application of the PMBOK areas to an infrastructure project (Task 2) with a minimum of four (4) relevant examples.

Task 4: Explain a Project.

I can:

4.1. Describe a project. Choose the largest project you have been involved with previously or future project you may participate in.

Note: You do not have to have been the project manager, but could have played another role.) This can also be a personal project, for example planning for a significant personal event, e.g. a wedding, do-it-yourself project or garden landscaping project. An ideal project is one that has multiple stakeholders, participating team members and is dependent on third party suppliers or services.

4.2. Summarise the characteristics of the project.

4.3. Justify how this project meets the requirements for the definition of a project.

4.4. Identify the four phases of the project.

By providing:

4.1. An overview of your project (approximately 100 words) including a sentence that clearly states the objective of the project.

4.2. A short paragraph describing the project using the questions below as a guide:

- How is it unique?
- What were the time constraints?
- If the project is complete, how did you know it was over?
- If it is ongoing, how will you know when it is complete?

4.3. A sentence justifying how each of the elements of the definition of a project have been satisfied in the project you have described including a credible reference for the definition using the APA style.

4.4. Explain the four phases of the Project Life Cycle, using examples of each phase from your project.

Task 5: Explain effective leadership skills for project management.

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5.1. Describe four (4) interpersonal skills a project manager must exhibit for leading effective project teams.

5.2. Explain how to improve a leadership skill identified as a personal weakness or area for improvement.

5.3. Describe activities a project manager could undertake to improve team engagement.

By providing:

5.1a. Describe four (4) interpersonal skills for leading effective project teams.

5.1b. A practical example from your experience for when each listed skill was utilised successfully (this can be by you or by someone you have observed)

5.2. Explain methods to improve your ability to implement an interpersonal skill you think is a personal weakness or an area for improvement.

5.3. Describe two (2) activities a project manager could undertake to improve team engagement, which is a critical factor for team success.

A bibliography and in text citations where appropriate using the APA style. (Consult [APA style](#) published by the University of Canterbury.)



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