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#### RefineM's Virtual Lunch & Learn

This is a monthly webinar delivered during the lunch hour in the first week of every month. *This month it is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week.* 

It's designed to help you learn while you eat lunch, providing a relaxed environment to enhance your experience.

The monthly webinars will cover a variety of Project Management/ Agile topics. *You can also suggest one.* 



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#### Your Expectations

What are your expectations from this webinar?

Why are you here today?



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Helping organizations turn their project management capability into a *competitive advantage* 

- \* CEO/Consultant since Dec 2011
  - \* Agile Coaching/Adoption
  - Project Management/ Process Improvement Consulting and Training
  - \* Project Management Products (for PMs, Executives and Agile Practitioners)
- \* Board Member SWMO Chapter since 2009

My professional journey b/f RefineM



- \* 20+ years of Successful Project Leadership
  - \* Led 100s of projects of all sizes, successfully
  - \* Recovered many projects, saved millions of \$
  - \* Implemented numerous process improvements
  - Coached/mentored 100s of PMs, and some executives

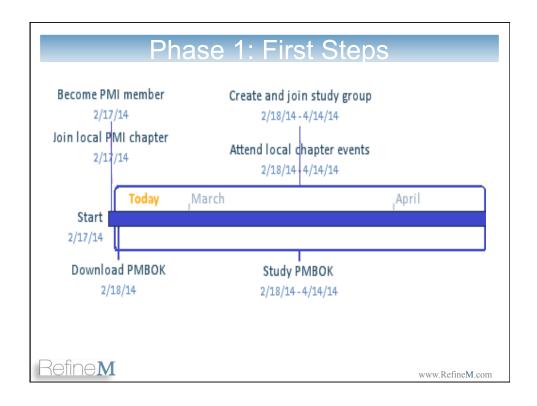
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# Realistic Timeline for Passing the PMP Exam

First Steps
Focused Study
Final Push
Getting There Faster





#### Why Join PMI?

- \* Free download of Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) and other standards
- \* Resources on maintaining certification
  - ✓ Need 60 PDUs every 3 years to maintain PMP
- \* Communities of Practice (COP)





#### Why Join the Local PMI Chapter?

- \* Resources to find local study groups and prep courses
- \* Networking with area project managers

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### Why Join a Study Group?

- \* Mutual Support
- \* More accountability for study
- \* Networking

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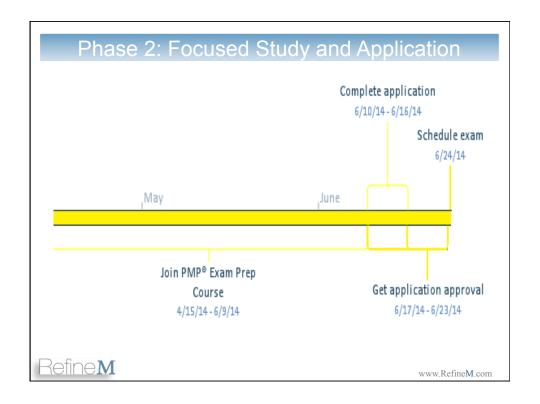
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#### How Long to Study PMBOK?

- \* 1-2 months
  - ✓ Learn knowledge areas very well
  - ✓ Understand ITTO
    - Inputs
    - Tools and Techniques
    - Processes

Not just learn – understand!





# Why Join a Prep Class?

- \* Focused study
  - ✓ Can treat it like a vacation
- \* Need 35 contact hours for exam
- \* Need help with application
- \* Networking
- \* Mentoring/Coaching (instructor)
- \* Practice Test
  - √ Baseline
  - ✓ We recommend 85% before you take exam

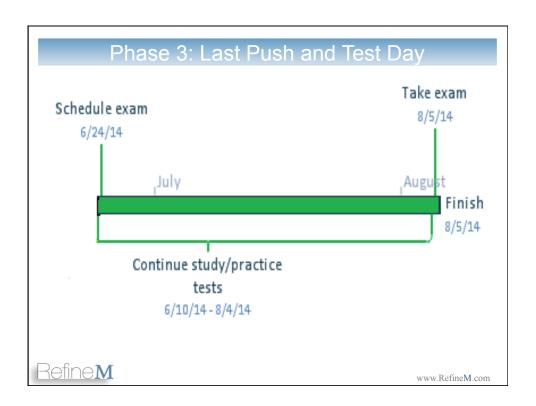


#### Preparing the Application

- \* Use a spreadsheet/template to start recording project experience
- \* Break down time spent on projects by process group
  - ✓ Initiation
  - ✓ Planning
  - ✓ Execution
  - ✓ Monitoring and Control
  - ✓ Closing
- \* References
  - ✓ Limit the # of references (up to 6)
  - ✓ Use most current and easily accessible references
  - ✓ You'll need them to verify your experience if you application came up for an audit.

#### Completing the PMP application could be a project ©





#### What to Study?

- \* Anything you are weak on
  - ✓ Knowledge area, process group, tool or technique, etc.
  - ✓ Don't neglect any one area!
- \* Anything that needs to be memorized
  - ✓ "Brain dump" Visit our knowledge base for more.



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#### Don't Forget to Relax!

- \* Keep some time for disengaging and taking breaks.
- \* Especially on the day before if possible.

\* Good luck on your exam!



## Getting There Faster

Task	Usual	Compressed
Study <i>PMBOK</i> ®	8 weeks	2 weeks
Study Group	8 weeks	2 weeks
Prep Course	8 weeks	1 week
Continued study/ practice tests	8 weeks	5 weeks
Total	32 weeks	10 weeks

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#### What is Your Plan?

Are you studying for the PMP exam?

What are you doing differently?

Have you passed it before?

What did you do differently?

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#### More Learning Opportunities From RefineM

- \* PMP Exam Prep Course Starts Apr 11, 2014 35 Hours/PDUs
  - ✓ Instructor led virtual course, 8 sessions (4 hours every Friday)
  - ✓ Includes a full length mock test, and tips & tricks to pass the exam
- \* 8 Powerful PM Processes On May 14-15, 2014 7 PDUs
  - ✓ Instructor led virtual course, 2 sessions of 4 hours each
  - ✓ Learn more about simple processes to achieve high-level project results
- \* Risk Management for Projects On Jun 18, 2014 7 PDUs
  - ✓ 1-day class delivered in person, from 8:30am-4:30pm CT
  - ✓ Venue eFactory, 405 N Jefferson Ave, Springfield, MO, USA
- \* PMP Exam Prep Course Mar 24-28, 2014 35 Hours/PDUs
  - ✓ In-person class hosted by MDI (MSU) from 8:30am-4:30pm CT
  - ✓ Venue eFactory, 405 N Jefferson Ave, Springfield, MO, USA

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More info at <a href="http://refinem.com/trainings/">http://refinem.com/trainings/</a>

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#### April Lunch & Learn

- \* 8 Powerful PM Processes You Don't Want to Skip.
- \* Minimum set of processes, and
- \* Maximum results for your projects
- \* Scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 12:00-1:00 PM CST



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#### How to Claim 1 PDU for this Webinar?

- \* PDU Category B, Continuing Education
- \* Program Title Webinar on "Realistic Timeline for Passing PMP"
- \* Date Started Today's date
- \* Date Completed Today's date
- \* Hours Completed 1.00
- \* Provider
  - ✓ Name RefineM
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- \* PDUs Claimed 1.00



