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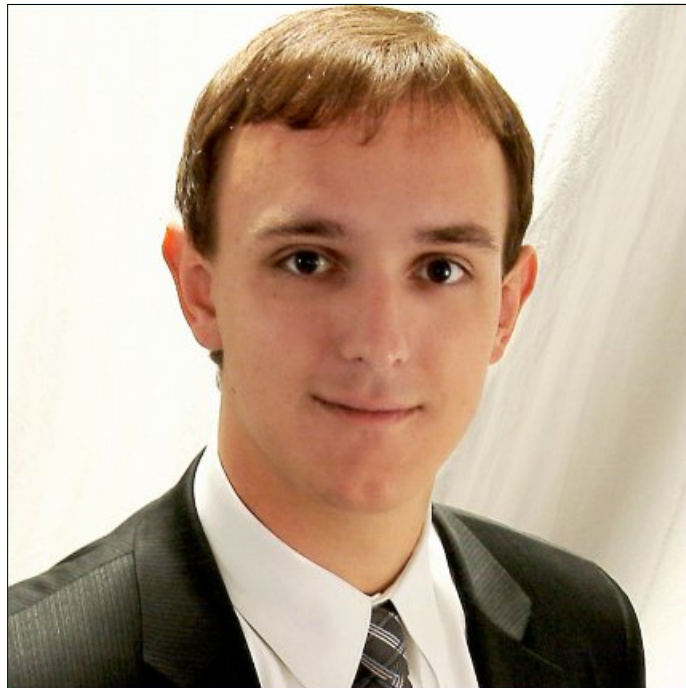

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Module Overview

Educational requirement

Experience requirement

Contact hours requirement

Exam structure

Overview of project phases

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PMP® Prerequisites

Formal
education

Project Management
experience

*Depends on
educational history.*

Project Management
training

PMP® Prerequisites

Secondary Degree
(High School Diploma, Associate's Degree, Global Equivalent)

7,500 Hours Project Management

+

60 Months Project Management

+

35 Hours of formal training

PMP® Prerequisites

Four Year Degree

(Bachelor's Degree or Global Equivalent)

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4,500 Hours Project Management

+

36 Months Project Management

+

35 Hours of formal training

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The PMP® Exam – Experience Requirement

Secondary Degree
7,500 Hours

Four Year Degree
4,500 Hours

The PMP® Exam – Experience Requirement

Months & hours counted differently

Hours may overlap; months may not

No more than 40 hours per week

Only experience in past 8 years eligible

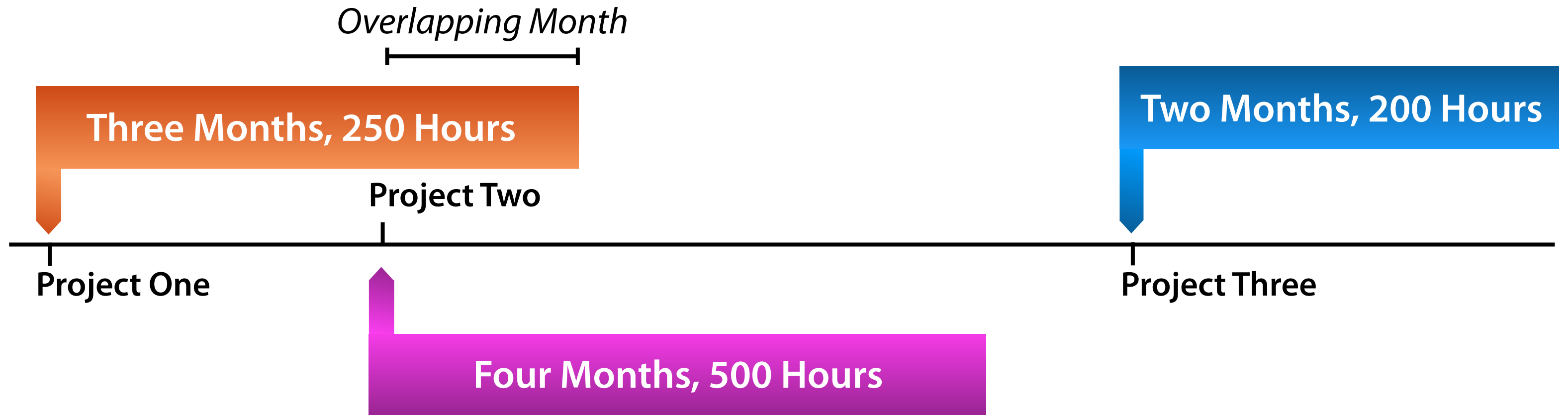**Complete all hours before applying**

Experience – What Counts?

A temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product, service or result.

— PMBOK® Guide

Example – Counting Experience Hours

Overlapping Month

Three Months, 250 Hours

Two Months, 200 Hours

Project Two

Project One

Project Three

Four Months, 500 Hours

8 Months • 950 Hours

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The PMP® Exam – Training Requirements

35 Total contact hours

The PMP® Exam – Training Requirements

Project Quality

Project Scope

Project Schedule

Project Budget

Project Communications

Project Risk

Project Procurement

Project Integration Management

The PMP® Exam – Training Requirements

- PMI Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s)
- PMI chapters and communities of practice
- Employer/company-sponsored programs
- Training companies or consultants
- Distance-learning companies, including an end-of-course assessment
- University/college academic and continuing education programs

The PMP® Exam – Training Requirements

PMI Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s)

PMI chapters and communities of practice

*"Courses offered by PMI R.E.P.s, PMI chapters and communities of practice or by PMI are **pre-approved** for contact hours in fulfillment of the [contact hours] eligibility requirement.[1]"*

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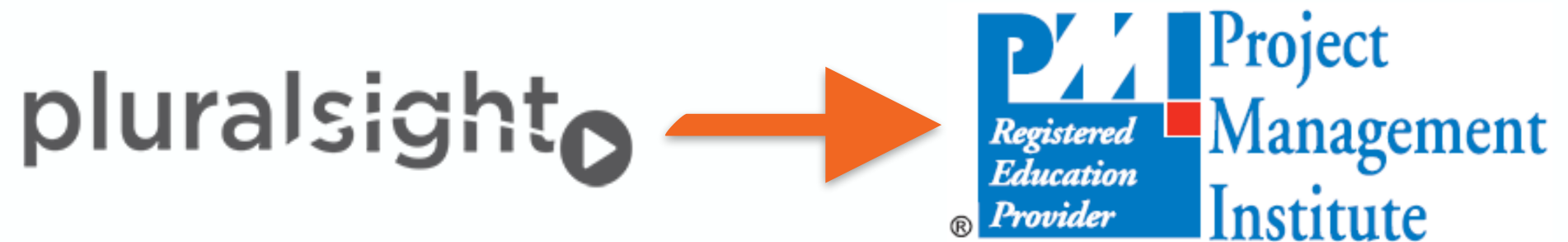
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The PMP® Exam – Training Requirements

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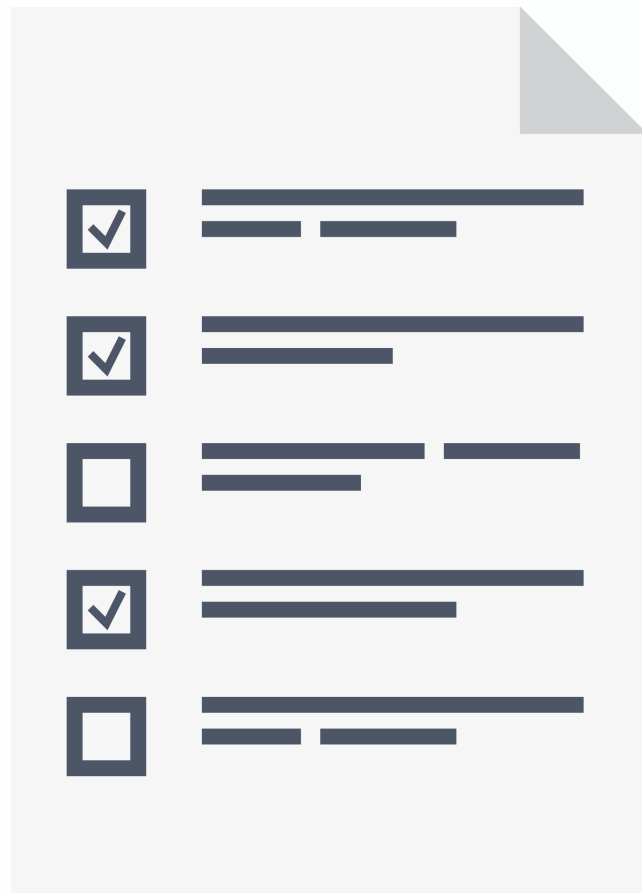
PMI chapter meetings

Self-directed learning

(reading books, sessions with coaches/mentors, watching general instruction videos)

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PMP® Exam Structure

200 Questions

175 Scored

25 Unscored

PMP® Exam Structure

4 Hours
Total Test Time

- No scheduled breaks
- Computer-based
- Not adaptive
- Unscored questions randomly dispersed
- Monitored through psychometric analysis
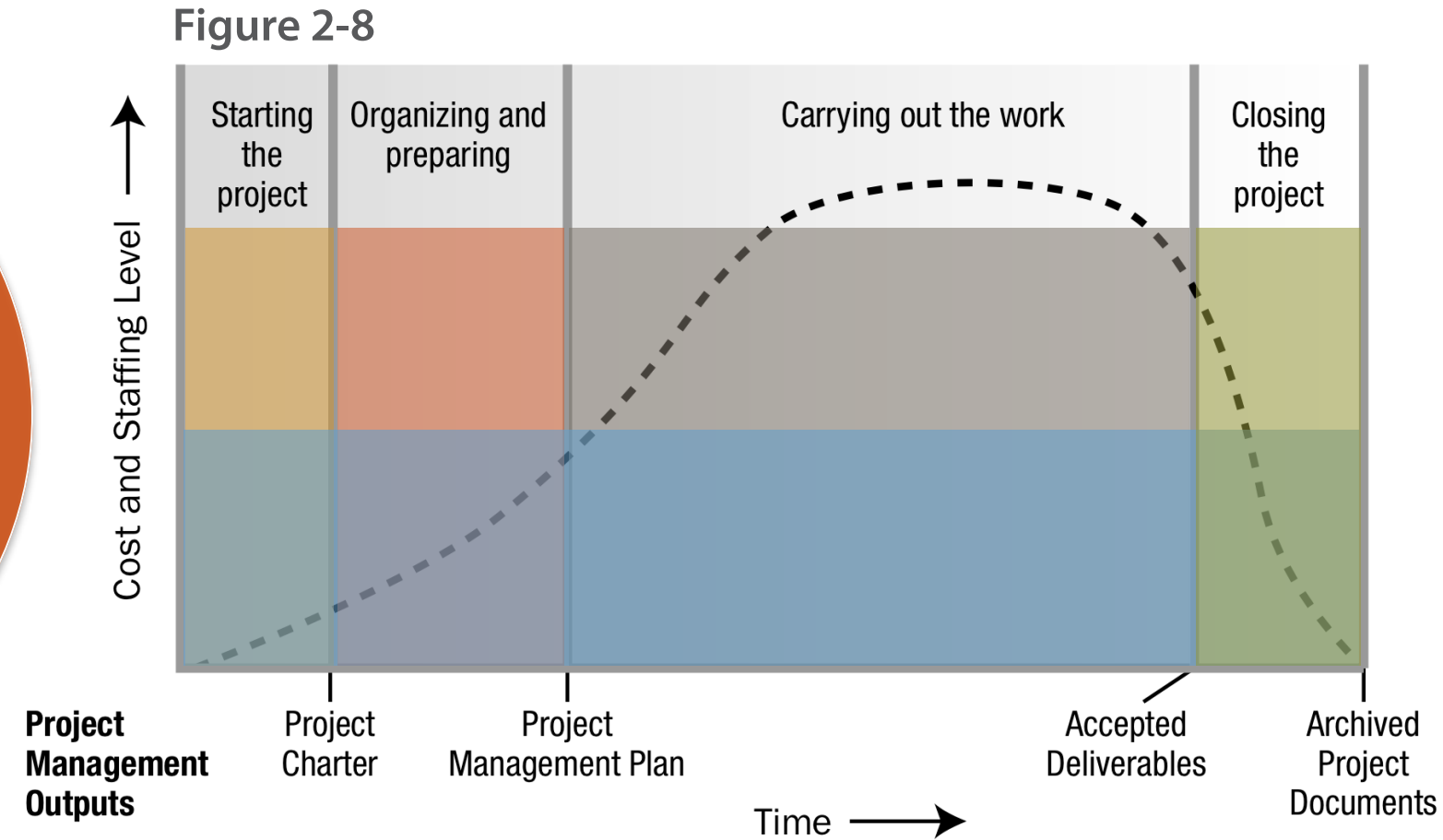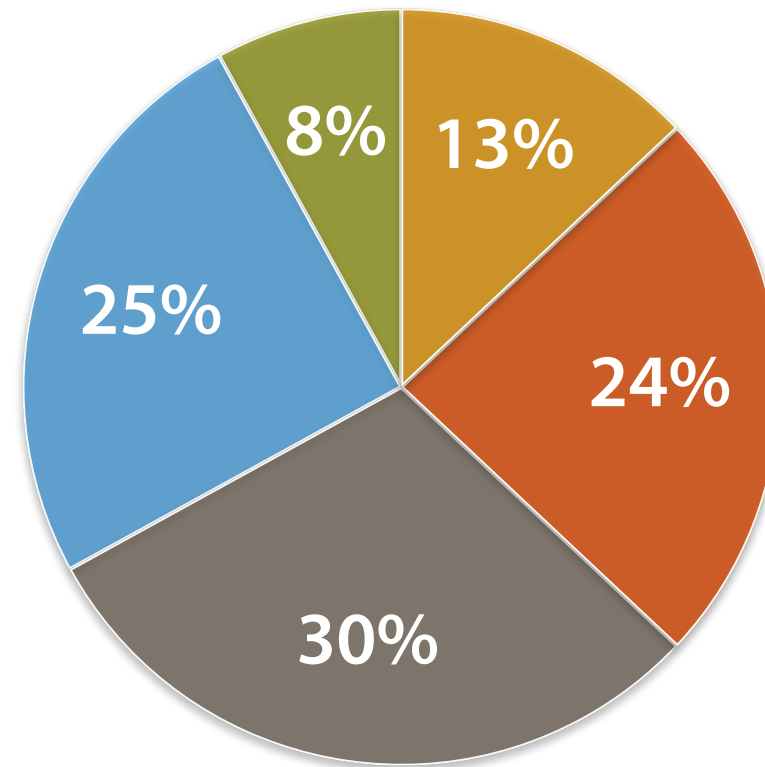- Developed & independently validated by global work groups of PMP credential holders.
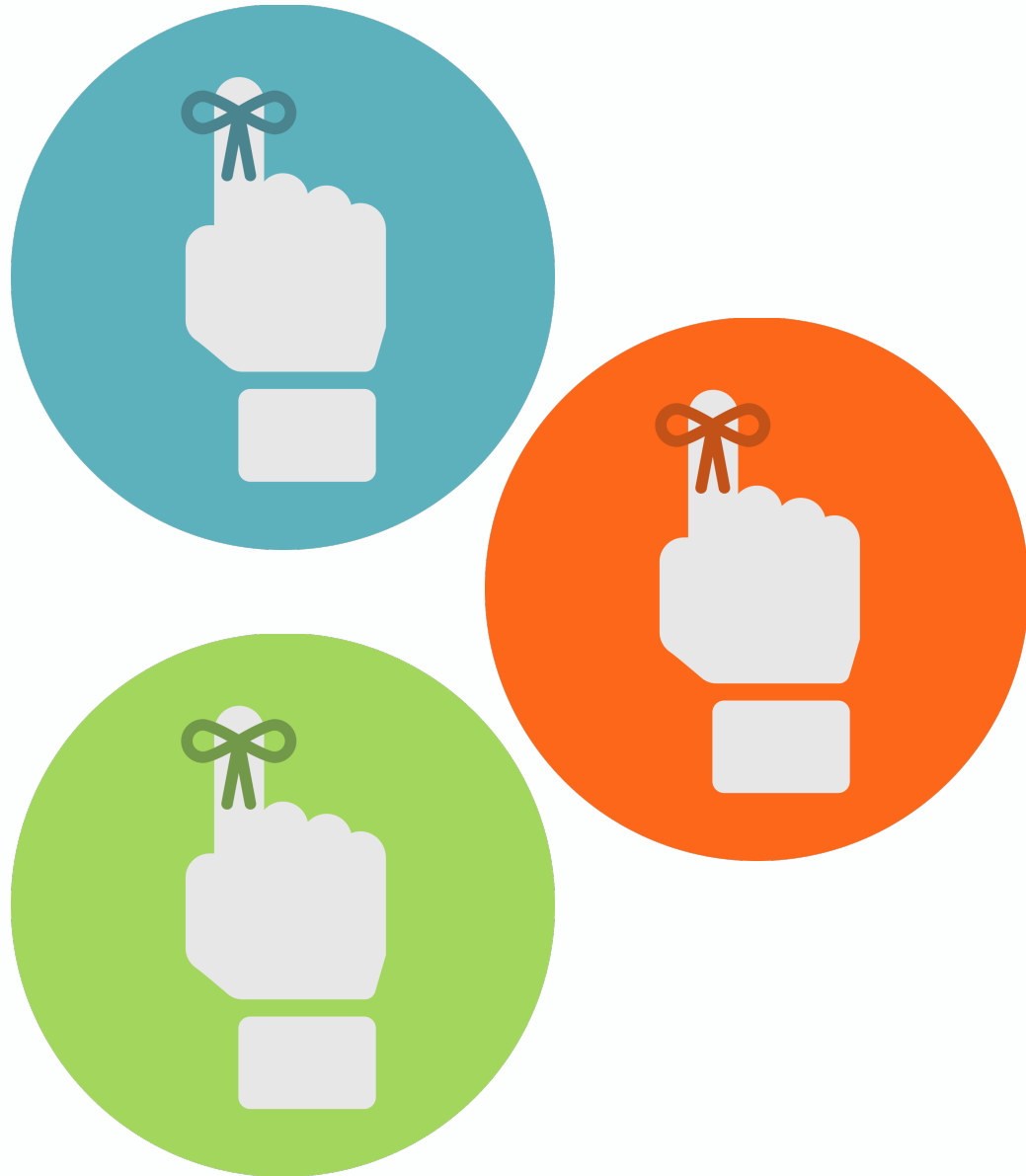
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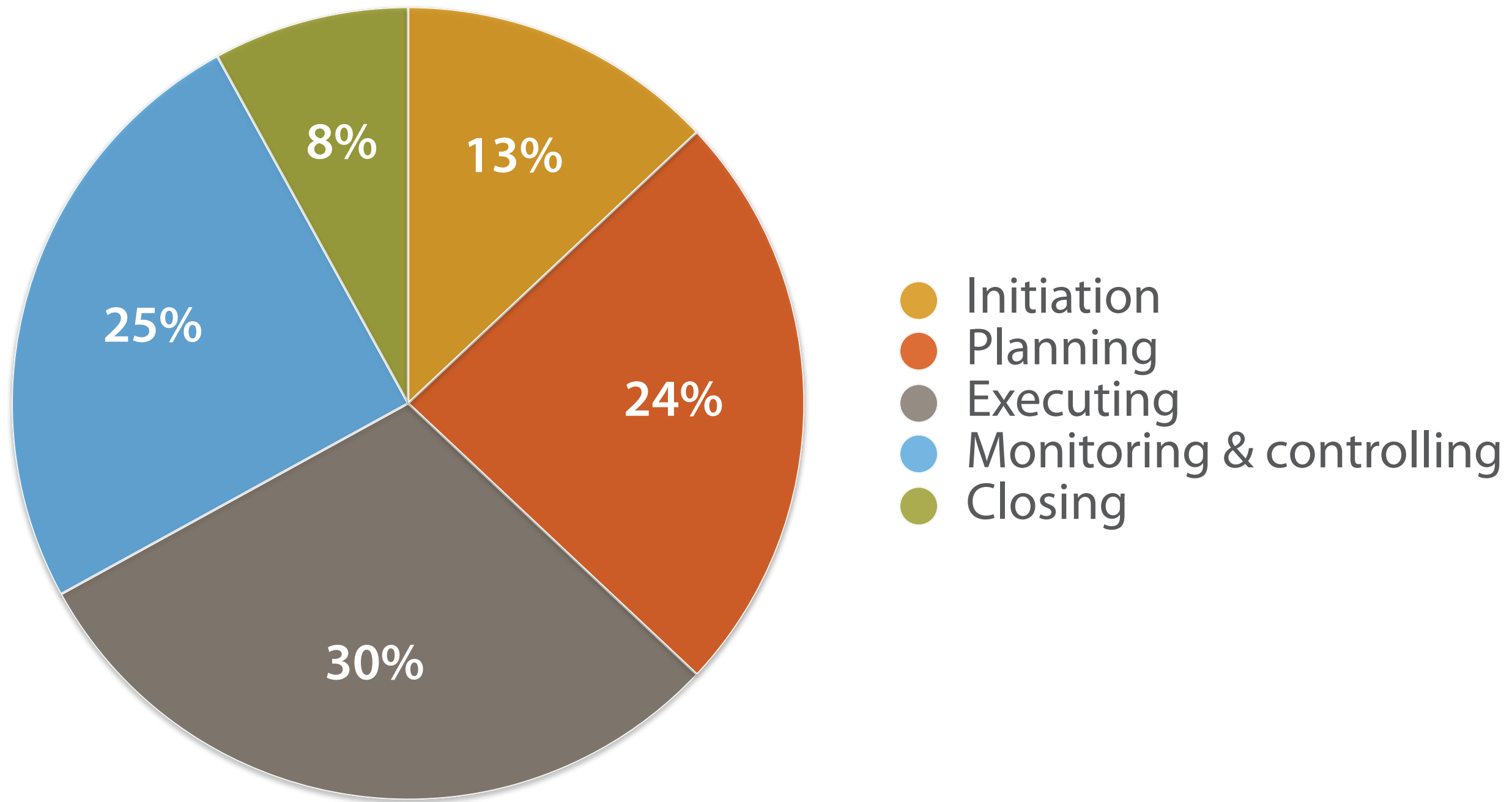
PMP® Exam & Project Phases

- Initiation — 13%
- Planning — 24%
- Executing — 30%
- Monitoring & controlling — 25%
- Closing — 8%

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PMP® Exam & Project Phases

Figure 2-8

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Project Management Institute, *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge*, (PMBOK® Guide) – Fifth Edition, Project Management Institute, Inc., 2013, Page 39 Figure 2-8.
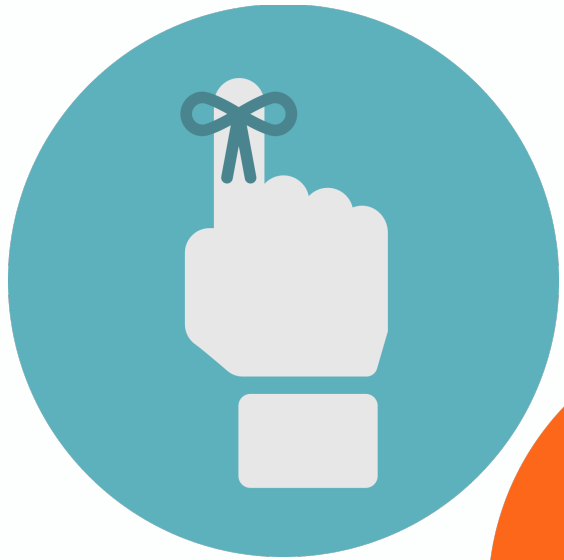
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Module Review:

PMP® Exam Requirements

- Education

- Experience

- Formal Training
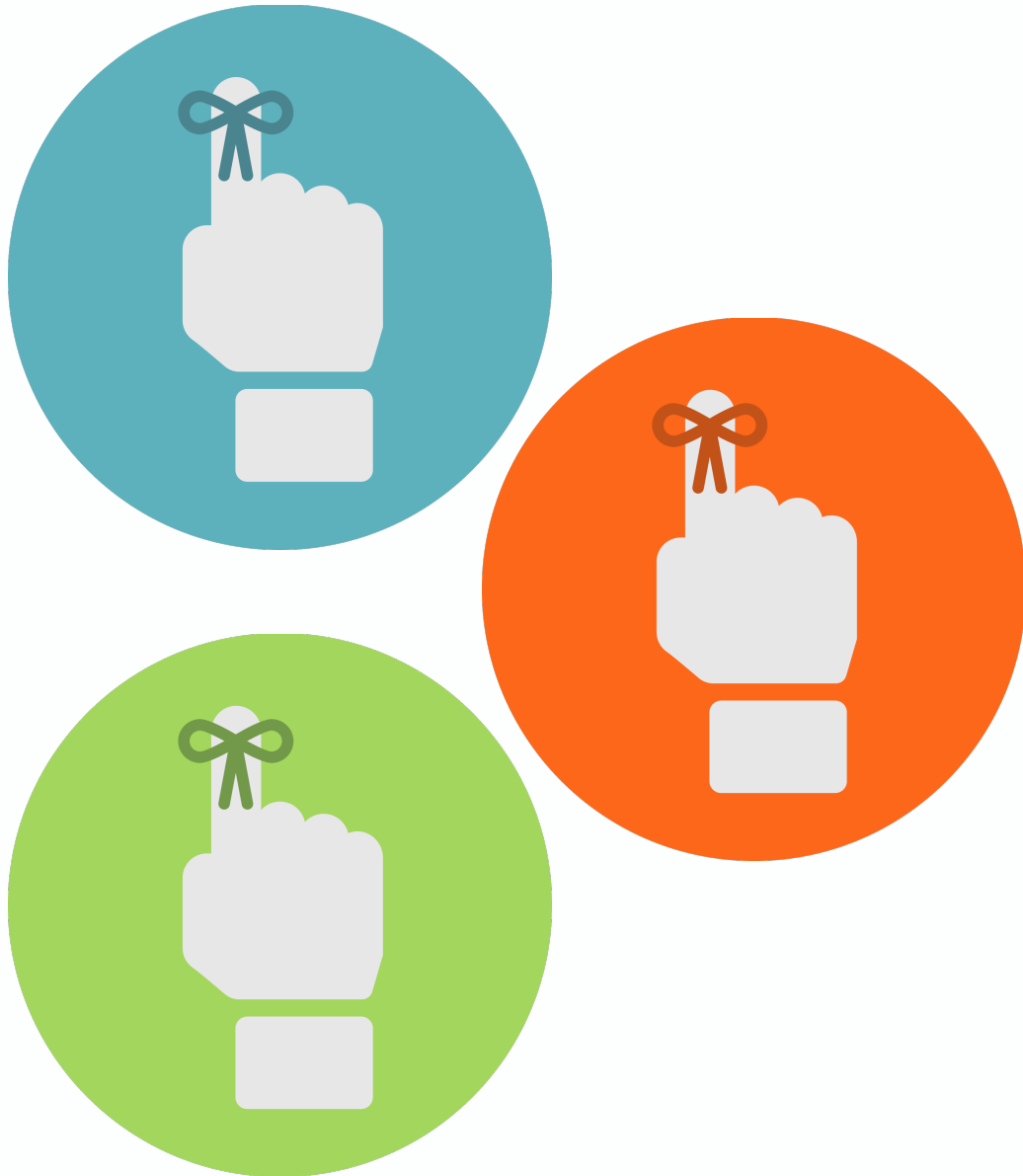
Module Review:

Experience requirement varies based on level of education

May count overlapping projects for hours of experience

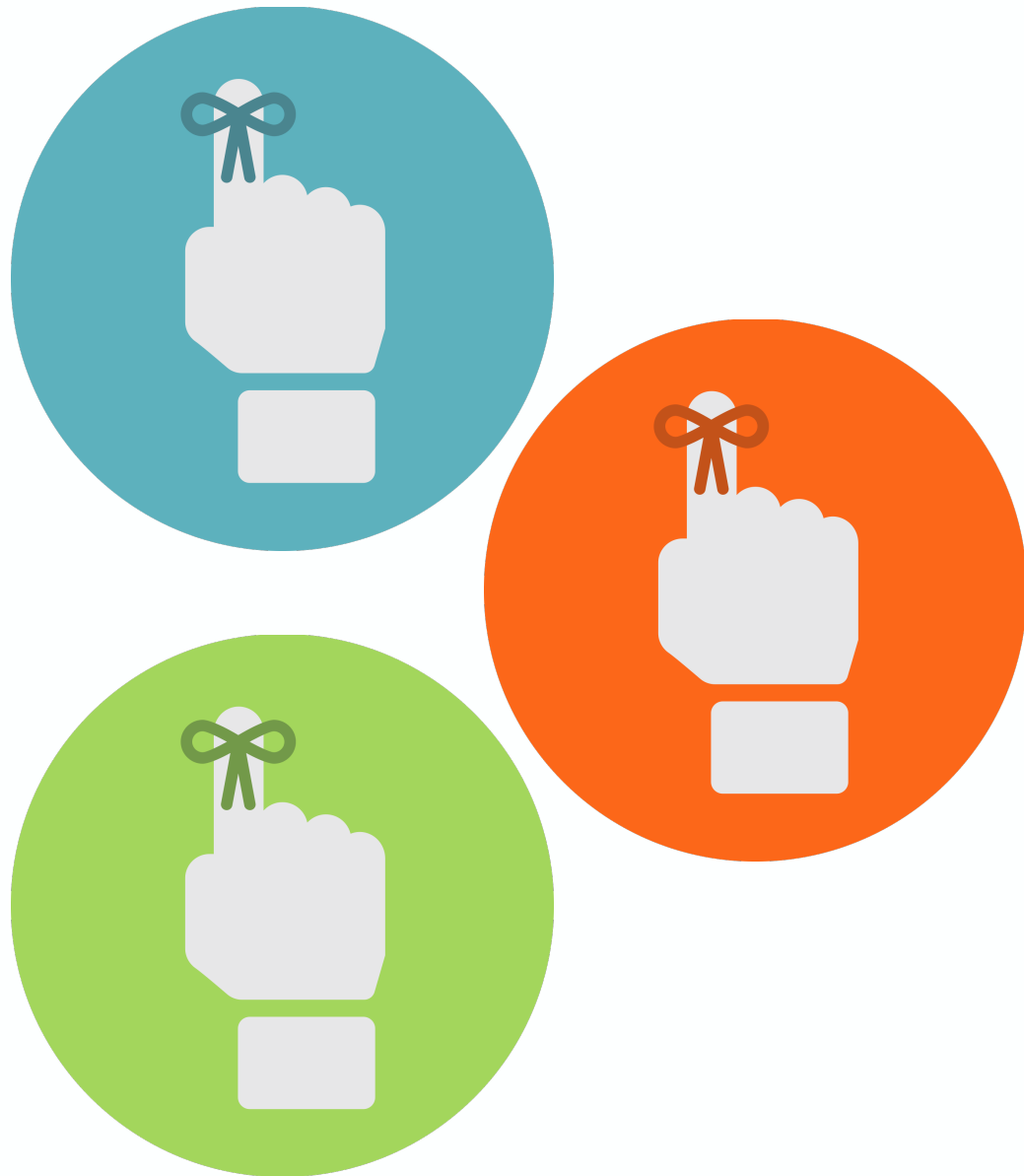May **not** double-count months toward length of experience

Module Review:

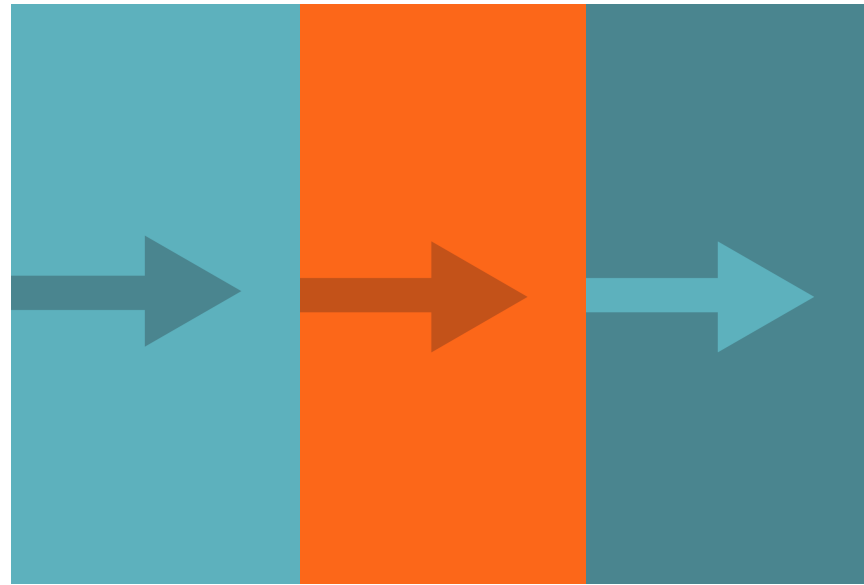All applicants must complete 35 hours of formal training

Courses like this count toward that number!

Module Review:

200 Questions · 175 Scored

Questions sorted into the five project phases

The PMP® Application Process