Business Analysis: Planning and Communication
BSAN6201

Course Outline (online)

Description:
In today's complex and rapidly changing business environment, organizations increasingly rely on business analysis professionals to effectively enable change and contribute to value realization. In this 4-day session participants will gain insight into the business analysis profession, the role that business analysts play within an organization, the necessary skills required, and valuable tools, techniques and methodologies to effectively enable change.

This course focuses extensively on how to develop comprehensive requirements elicitation and management processes and provides participants with the opportunity to practice effective oral and written communication, documentation and facilitation skills through interactive online exercises. Participants will also analyze business analysis project deliverables, in the context of the project lifecycle and have an opportunity to create such deliverables.

This 4-day course covers the underlying competencies, business analysis planning and monitoring, and the requirements lifecycle management knowledge areas from the Business Analysis Body of Knowledge® (BABOK®). It is based on the Guide to the Business Analysis Body of Knowledge® version 3.0.

This course conforms to the internationally recognized standards of the International Institute of Business Analysts (IIBA®). Upon completion of this course, participants are eligible to claim 28 Continuing Development Units (CDUs).

This course also conforms to the internationally recognized standards of the Project Management Institute (PMI®). Upon completion of this course, participants are eligible to claim 28 Professional Development Units (PDUs) in the following categories: 21 Technical and 7 Business.

Course Goals:
To provide participants with a foundational knowledge of the professional discipline of business analysis, including the necessary skills and competencies required, tools, techniques and methodologies to effectively enable change and add value in any organization.

Course Objectives: At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Identify key underlying competencies to gain an appreciation of how business analysts add value to an organization.
- Distinguish between business analysis and project management.
- Examine the profession, global standards, the professional organization, and trends in the industry.
- Illustrate an effective requirements management process.
- Integrate effective writing practices into business analysis communication and documentation.
- List the different requirement types.
- Describe the steps required to complete a thorough stakeholder analysis.
- Produce the elements of a good requirements management plan.
- Prepare documents such as functional decomposition diagram, risk analysis plan, and communication plan.
- Interpret how the business analysis activities contribute to the overall product/solution.

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