



## **GAC Guidelines for Reviewing Certificates and Degrees with a Minor or Concentration in Project Management or Related Fields**

When GAC Staff, Directors, and Team Members review project management and related credit-bearing certificates and degrees with a minor or concentration in project management, the following criteria are followed:

1. The minimum number of eligibility credits (12 for credit-bearing certificate programs and 15 for full degree programs or the equivalent) must be intended to teach management of projects knowledge, skills, or competencies, meaning, the courses are taught through the lens of project management.
2. Courses considered to be related or adjacent to PM, **may not** be included in the 12/15 credit minimum requirement (or equivalent).
3. If there are doubts about a program meeting Eligibility Criteria C.2. the GAC Accreditation Specialists will seek additional information from the program at the Letter of Intent stage including:
  - a. Accreditation Standard D.1.3: The program mission statement to ensure it is aligned with the project management profession.
  - b. Accreditation Standard D.2.2 A list of the program learning outcomes to assess the competencies acquired throughout the program.
  - c. Accreditation Standard D.2.8 A detailed outline for each course or subject to ensure it is relevant to the management of projects (course syllabi)
  - d. As needed, the GAC Accreditation Specialist will seek input from a GAC Director or accreditation team volunteer to help determine if the course content meets the Eligibility Criteria C.2.
4. Programs may tailor their coursework to the mission and objectives of the program and the GAC does not require a certain percentage of credits per core area of focus.