

BACK-TO-BASICS (BtB): PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Why Modernize?



The **Program Management (PM)** Functional Area updated training, education, and experience requirements for its community as part of the initiative to modernize the implementation of the **Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA)** certification



framework. At the core of BtB is lifelong learning – required training will be streamlined and supplemented by a rich array of role-specific training to meet acquisition workforce needs.

Proposed Certification Requirements: Training

- **Practitioner:** ACQ 1010, ACQ 2020, ACQ 2030/V, ACQ 0030, PMT 2570/V, PMT 0140
- **Advanced:** ACQ 315/V, PMT 0120, PMT 0130, PMT 0170, PMT 3400, PMT 3500, PMT 3600/V

PM Acquisition Experience

- **Practitioner:** 4 years
- **Advanced:** 8 years*

Education: Technical degree preferred

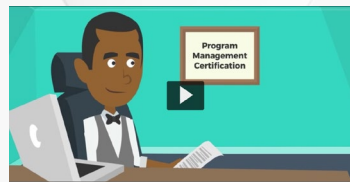
Assessment: To be required 1 October 2022

CLP Requirement: 80 CL Points every two years

**Specialized experience as specified by the Functional Area Leader*

What's New for February '22?

- The updated framework features two certification tiers: **Practitioner** and **Advanced**
- Certification training hours have been reduced by approximately **60%**.
- After certification, the [Defense Acquisition Credential Program](#) provides job-relevant, point-of-need training in specific acquisition topics.



More Time to Complete...

Planning is underway to potentially expand the current two-year grace period to complete certification requirements to five years for **Practitioner** and four years for **Advanced**.

What's Next?

Full implementation of the Back-to-Basics framework is planned for February 2022. For more information, refer to: <https://www.dau.edu/back-to-basics>

Already Certified?

Previously earned DAWIA certifications will remain on an individual's training history. For PM, workforce members may be eligible to transition if currently certified at:

- **Level I: Not eligible**
- **Level II:** Practitioner
- **Level III:** Practitioner or Advanced*

**Based on experience and position assignment*



[Certification Eligibility Tool](#)