

# **ASSERTIVENESS SKILLS: COMMUNICATING WITH AUTHORITY & IMPACT**

Course number : 131

## **Overview**

Those who communicate with assertiveness, rather than passivity or aggression, are more likely to maintain positive workplace relationships while meeting their goals. Through video demonstrations, role-playing activities, journaling, and practical workshops, this training course will help you leverage proven techniques to become self-aware of behaviour patterns and increase your ability to get work done.

## **What you'll learn**

- Demonstrate and model assertive behaviour for win-win outcomes
- Gain self-awareness of your attitudes, behaviour patterns, and habits
- Develop a positive, proactive response to difficult behaviours
- Exhibit confidence in your ability to address challenging situations

## **Who should attend**

IT professionals, IT project managers, IT managers, IT project team members, associate project managers, project managers, project coordinators, project analysts, project leaders, senior project managers, team leaders, product managers, and program managers.

## **Pre-requis**

If you have previously taken Project Management Fundamentals, you should not take this course, as there is significant content overlap.

## **Outline**

### **Assertiveness Essentials**

#### **Recognising modes of interactive behaviour**

- Considering critical attributes of assertive behaviour
- Identifying characteristics of nonassertive behaviour
- Acknowledging areas of personal vulnerability and opportunity

- Responding appropriately to manipulation or bullying

### **Contextual and situational considerations**

- Asserting 360 degrees: peers, direct-reports, bosses and vendors
- Assessing the impact of organisational culture
- Accommodating intercultural norms
- Navigating power relationships within the organisation

## **Expressing Personal Power**

### **Pinpointing patterns of behaviour**

- Raising self-awareness
- The role of personal history
- Exploring how identity, fear and habits impact results
- Creating new personal effectiveness

### **Mapping how people handle conflict**

- Enhancing your ability to respond to conflict
- Recognising your conflict style
- Responding differently to different situations
- Considering the role of Emotional and Social Intelligence

## **Overcoming Challenging Situations**

### **Applying viable assertiveness techniques**

- Deciding which situations call for assertiveness
- Witnessing the dynamics of constructive and destructive interactions

### **Adopting effective assertiveness strategies**

- Developing options to respond productively
- Identifying your assertiveness style and adapting your approach
- Giving up blame and focusing on solutions
- Seeing the win-win potential of cooperation
- Finding the root cause through effective questioning

## **Building Your Assertiveness Skill Set**

### **Committing to assertive and skillful outcomes**

- Developing powerful nonverbal communication
- Accepting responsibility for resolution
- Initiating improved communication
- Communicating clearly in complex situations
- Deflecting criticism and personal attacks

### **Developing the tools**

- The power of "I" statements
- Saying "no" productively
- Addressing difficult issues using the DESC approach
- Pushing through resistance

## **Mastering Assertiveness**

### **Establishing a proactive assertiveness style**

- Taking time to think clearly
- Modelling productive approaches
- Responding to everyday situations
- Giving and receiving feedback

### **Practising effective assertiveness principles**

- Leveraging a four-step process model
- Accurately assessing your situation
- Targeting desired outcomes
- Measuring results

## **Launching Your Assertiveness Plan**

### **Constructing an assertiveness action plan**

- Adopting an attitude of responsibility and mutual respect
- Committing to timelines and outcomes
- Prioritising changes in assertive behaviour

### **Putting the "action" into the assertiveness action plan**

- Constructing a blueprint for your action plan
- Reinforcing your newly developed assertiveness skills
- Scheduling time to assess progress
- Practising assertive behaviours
- Modifying your action plan to accommodate change

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