



**MCG901**  
**The Concept of Critical**

**Course Information and Outline**  
**for Live Course**



Gold Project and Portfolio Management

**Course Duration: 3 Hours****Course Overview**

This class is focused on what we refer to as "The Concept of Critical," with an emphasis on critical date points. Historically, and even today, when the term "critical" is mentioned, most project managers tend to think of the "critical path" and its academic definition: the longest path through the network that determines the shortest time in which the project can be completed. In this session, we will challenge the significance of critical path from a schedule perspective and the emphasis it places on the project finish date.

**Learning Objective**

- Understand the concept of critical in Microsoft Project

**Business Outcomes**

- To understand and work efficiently within the design intent of Microsoft Project as it pertains to the concept of critical
- Increase organizational project management maturity through proven Microsoft Project practices
- Improve the return on investment made in Microsoft Project

**Course Structure**

This course is designed to maximize the educational experience through a structured learning process. Each topic will begin with a discussion, followed by a demonstration of Microsoft Project where necessary.

**Target Audience**

This course is designed for anyone who uses Microsoft Project to assist in managing projects.

## Course Outline

- Critical Path – Academia
- Critical, and Microsoft Project
- Critical Date Points
  - Estimated Project Finish Date
  - Constraints
  - Deadlines
- Critical and Task Dependencies
- Review and Closure