

THE UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA PROJECT ACADEMY

Who we are and what we do



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA

We are the University of Cumbria, serving our communities, with people, place and partnership at our heart. We combine leading innovation, expert knowledge and groundbreaking research to develop the workforce regionally and nationally in both the commercial and public sectors.

We work in strategic partnerships with employers, education providers and stakeholders to provide an accessible and research informed academic offer meeting individual, employer and sector needs regionally and nationally.

We provide an excellent learning, teaching and research environment and student experience, equipping our graduates with the skills, attributes, confidence and resilience to succeed on graduation and beyond.

We operate across multiple locations: Carlisle, Lancaster, Ambleside, Workington, Barrow in Furness and London, as well as at employer sites regionally, nationally and internationally.

PROJECT ACADEMY

The University of Cumbria Project Academy (UoCPA) is a growing national centre of excellence for education, skills and the development of effective project professionals who are able to deliver, oversee and lead excellent projects.

We aspire to be recognised across multiple sectors and industries as the partner of choice for developing organisational and team capability and extending project professionals' individual effectiveness from entry level through to subject matter experts, within the ever changing landscape of project delivery.

We work collaboratively with employer and delivery partners to develop, deliver and support a comprehensive and progressive pathway of education, training, professionally accredited qualifications and personal, team and professional development.

The University of Cumbria Project Academy offers an integrated pathway of education, training, development, and professional qualifications designed for project professionals at every career stage - from introductory APM qualifications to our MSc in Project Leadership. The Project Academy portfolio also covers a range of disciplines from leadership to digital skills.

WHAT WE DO

We work closely with industry partners, from SMEs to large organisations such as Sellafield Ltd, Rolls-Royce, BAE Systems, EDF Energy, the NHS and the BBC to identify training needs and develop programmes to address those needs. We have a team of around 30 academic staff and some 15 Associate staff, and we work with around a dozen partner organisations to develop and deliver industry-leading project management qualifications.

Introductory courses include

- Skills Bootcamps in Project Management and in Procurement & Supply Chain Management
- APM Project Fundamentals Qualification

Courses for career starters or changers include

- Degree Apprenticeship in Project Management
- Graduate Diploma in Project Management
- Short courses (1-2 days) in project management fundamentals, including scope management, estimating, planning and cost control, risk management, project quality, and stakeholder engagement

Courses for more experienced project managers include

- Short courses examining individual and team behaviours and how these contribute to project performance
- APM Project Management Qualification
- Practitioner courses revisiting some of the project management fundamentals topics in greater depth

Courses for project leaders include

- MSc in Project Leadership, with the opportunity to apply for APM Chartered Project Professional (ChPP) status

WHO WE WORK WITH



We have been the lead supplier of the Project Academy for Sellafield since 2016. With our partners, we deliver a portfolio of over 50 courses. These include bespoke courses introducing the fundamentals of project management and internationally recognised professional qualifications in project, programme and portfolio management.

The programme is increasingly accessed by other businesses, from other members of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority family, to the Project and Programme Partners consortium, to other members of the Sellafield supply chain and beyond.

BAE SYSTEMS

We have worked with BAE Systems in Barrow in Furness and nationally since 2017. We provide the academic element of their project management degree apprenticeship to over 100 new starters each year, with another 100 learners joining other HE programmes in project management in Barrow.

The Barrow Learning Quarter is being developed by the University of Cumbria in partnership with BAE Systems and Furness College, and others. It will provide a new university campus (due to open in 2025), adjacent to the BAE Systems Submarine Academy for Skills and Knowledge site on Barrow Island, and a skills hub for sixth form students.

UOCPA IN NUMBERS

Since 2016...

- Over 10,000 attendances at more than 900 short and professional courses by over 4,000 individuals
- Over 1,400 students have started higher education programmes, with over 800 students registered in 2023/24
- Over 250 employers have used one or more of our courses to develop their staff
- APM Graduate of the Year 2024, 2022
- APM Apprentice of the Year 2024, 2022
- Department for Education North West Apprentice of the Year 2023
- In-Cumbria Apprentice of the Year 2023

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To find out more about our courses please go to our website or contact our team:

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