

“Should I go for the PMP Exam or an MBA?”

A lot of character goes into earning an MBA; after all, the PMP is just one test that you have to get a mid-sixty percentile to pass.

Without a doubt, a lot of higher level knowledge from many subject areas is received in an MBA class. Task with many strategies, adventure scenarios, and competition events that would often support theories and best practices. A lot of practical knowledge is learnt in an MBA class. On the other hand, during PMP study, project management prowess would become fine-tuned, in depth material about some knowledge areas, process procedures, ITTOs and practical applications, such as critical chain scheduling and the Monte Carlo is taught.

In the line of work (project management), the PMP criteria has more recognizable content with those who work in that industry. The PMP content transfers so well that it seems more practical to pursue than an MBA.

What is in an MBA? That all depends-- Where did you go to school? And even then, I did not go to your school, so how can I know you learned the criteria that I think is important? There is a lot of variation that comes with an MBA. This has accounted for its watered-down appeal. On the contrary, the PMP provides a standardized level of knowledge for the project management subject area. The test is a definite stepping-stone in accomplishment that qualifies an applicant for criteria knowledge. Everyone who takes the test is challenged over the same type of criteria which is relevant to the **Project Management Body of Knowledge**.

Most people who are impressed that you earned an MBA from the said school are those who live in the coverage area of that university. Once outside the coverage area of the university, the potential of the school's branding ability in your career remains almost invisible in contrast to the PMP certification. The PMI institute is respected world-wide as a standard for practice. Therefore, there is a universal acceptance when acquiring their brand. The credential suggests that there has been practice in the discipline of Project Management, a level of knowledge has been achieved and continued learning is taking place.

Furthermore, there is camaraderie in knowing that the guy next to you went through what you went through in earning a PMP certification. The people with PMP certification have gone through the warfare of studying for **and taking the PMP Exam**.

In conclusion, an MBA is a real test of character that would test you over the long term with general application. The PMP is not an easy test, but it's one that is rich in content. The PMBOK content is so practical that it is used as a reference material while still at work.

Which is best for you may depend on your circumstances. If you can manage to attain both, then great! If not, then weigh the pros and cons and decide which is right for you. Either way, I am an advocate for continued learning and believe that you will be creating a brighter future for yourself.

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