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## IMPORTANT

This question and answer only applies to the **Project Management** courses.

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The **Project Management Professional (PMP) certification** is an industry-recognized certification that people can earn after completing [specific prerequisites](#) and passing the PMP exam. It is managed and awarded by the Project Management Institute (PMI). The PMP exam has more stringent prerequisite requirements than the Project Management MicroMasters Program and is therefore not an available option to many learners that are new to the project management field but are seeking a credential in the project management field that will be recognized globally.

The **RITX Project Management MicroMasters program (and associated certificate)** is developed by the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in partnership with edX. It is a comprehensive program where the knowledge you learn can be immediately applied to your job. It does not have strict prerequisites so it can be completed by people who are new to the project management field. The MicroMasters certificate can lead to credit towards an accredited graduate degree from Rochester Institute of Technology for those who apply to RIT and are accepted. The Project Management MicroMasters Credential will enable students toward their PMP, if desired, by providing project management education to be used to gain the multi-year experience requirement required by PMI.

Since they are two separate certifications/programs, a person could complete both.

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