

DISSERTATION SYNOPSIS

THE POST GRADUATE SCHEME

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1. Provisional Title of Dissertation:

Project Planning & Control processes used within the workplace

2. Overview - What is the work going to be about?

The aim of this Dissertation is to understand the processes used in my work place towards project planning and control. I will be researching/looking into these processes from brief stage to handover and getting a better understanding of each step.

Prince2 is a process-based approach for project management. A process is a structured set of activities designed to accomplish a specific objective. It takes one or more defined inputs and turns them into defined outputs. (Prince2 p158 2017)

3. Aims and Objectives, Hypotheses to be tested, questions to answer, etc.:

The Hypotheses would be that 'if all 7 processes & themes are not being implemented then it is not a Prince2 project, there for not following company process to planning and controlling a project' The aim of this project is to get a better understanding of the Prince2 philosophy so I can plan and control projects successfully and to company procedure. The Objectives will be:

- Research and understand the 7 Themes of Prince2
- Research and understand the 7 Processes of Prince2
- Research and understand different methodology's of Prince2

4. Research Methodology(ies) and Justification:

Primary data will be gathered from professionals in the industry & colleagues on Prince2 Themes & processes and how this works within our organization. Secondary data will be gathered from case studies & books dedicated to Prince2 methodologies

5. Chapters:

Chapter 1 Introduction

Chapter 2 Literature

Chapter 3 conclusion

Chapter 4 References

6. Primary Research (*e.g.* Interviews, Questionnaires *etc.*):

I will be gathering information on Prince2 and how we implement the methodology's on projects from brief stage to handover in our work place from working alongside colleague's. I will also be gathering information on this by carrying out interviews with colleague's. The interview will consist of questions on the Prince2 methodology's and if this is the best form of practice to planning & controlling projects in our work place. I will also be learning and understanding the Prince2 philosophy from books and studying the Prince2 courses whilst working and learning to implement this into my day to day working.

7. Other References/Sources of Information:

Books and courses on Prince2 by Axelos

8. Any other information you wish to include which has not been covered already:

Getting a better understanding of Prince2 and learning to implement this in my workplace will go a long way with helping me progress in my career and help achieve personal goals. Knowing and understanding Prince2 will help me in my career as it is globally recognized project managing qualification, which a lot of employers look for in candidates. Not only will this help me with employers when looking for new opportunities and climbing the ladder at my current workplace, it will also help me run projects smoothly to get projects handed over on time and on budget. Understanding the philosophy of Prince2 will also help me understand case studies and whether projects are feasible to start or during the project if the project is still feasible. Having this knowledge will also help to make sure no aspect of the project is missed and that everything is completed in the correct order following program.

Understanding the two different philosophy's on Prince2 will also help me in my career as every project is different. Different projects have different needs and understanding which Prince2 philosophy to use for each project will put me in good stead to plan & manage the project successfully.