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# Introduction

[Write a brief introduction here]

# Project Management Roles

[Define, compare and contrast the roles of program managers, project managers, assistant project managers, and project coordinators. A search on careerbuilder.com and other employment websites will help you define the characteristics of each role. How are these positions different? To which of these positions would you like to aspire in your career? Why?]

# Project Office Effectiveness

[What is a project office? Research its major roles and functions. Also, research who leads a project office, and the manager to which this person should report in a typical organization. Finally, research the effectiveness of project offices in helping a firm achieve its strategy. Does your research support the idea that project offices help companies implement their strategy effectively?]

# Certifications in Project Management

[Go to pmi.org and research PMP®, CAPM® and PMI-ACP® credentials. How are these credentials different? What are the requirements for sitting for the exams for these certifications? What does it cost to take the examination? What is the main content (in brief) of the certification? Summarize key elements of the certifications in an APA formatted table. How does a person prepare for PMI certification exams? Share two methods of preparing for PMI exams and what they cost]

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# Certifications and Degrees

[What is the difference between a certificate and a degree in project management? How are degrees and certifications related?]

# Functional Management

[Define what is meant by functional management. What is the relationship between functional management, and project management? On what kinds of issues do project managers and functional managers collaborate and interact?]

# Ethics and Professional Behavior

[What is meant by the term ethics? Consult PMI’s ethical and professional standards found in the Week 1 lesson or at pmi.org. Summarize three points in their standards that seem to be interesting to you. Describe an ethical situation a project management professional might have to face in their career. Also, describe how it might be handled to be consistent with PMI’s ethical guidelines in the Week 1 lesson].

# Summary and Conclusion

[Briefly summarize the main points you made above. Draw a personal conclusion about project offices, project management roles, certifications, professional ethics, degrees or functional management.]

# References

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