Basic. You'd like the minimal CMMI credential, and you don't really care about being an Appraisal Team Member (ATM).
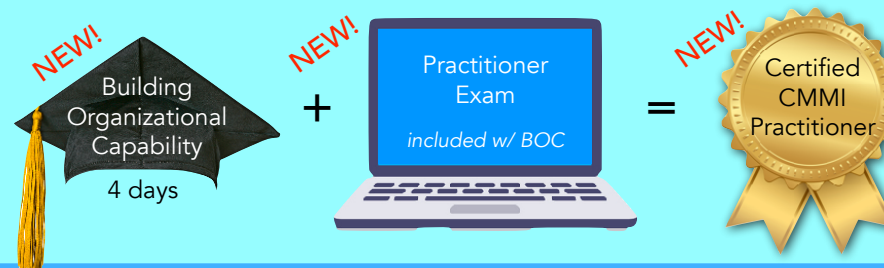
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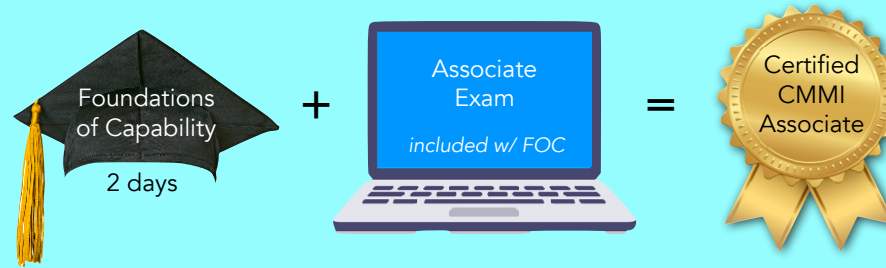
Development or Services. You're involved in a CMMI Development or Services improvement initiative, or you would like to qualify as a CMMI Development or Services ATM.

Foundations of Capability — 2 days

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Building DEV and/or SVC Excellence * — 1 day each

* *not required for exam, but needed to be an ATM*

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Appraisal Domains

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Development, Services
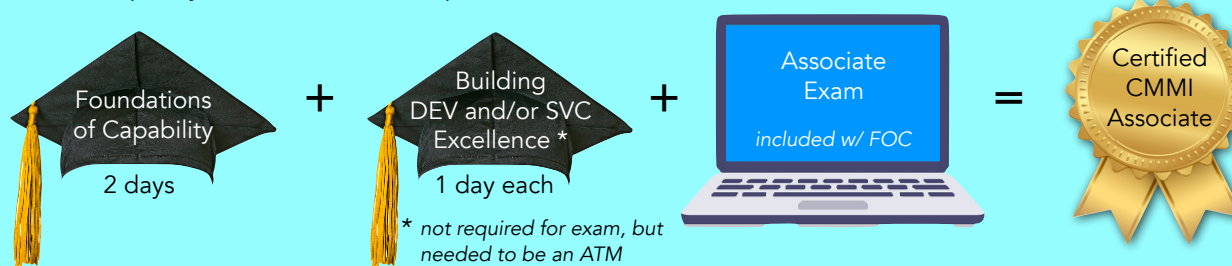
All Domains. You're involved in a CMMI initiative that includes any domains other than Development and Services, or you would like to qualify as an ATM for any/all of the 8 domains.

NEW! Building Organizational Capability — 4 days

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NEW! Practitioner Exam — *included w/ BOC*

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NEW! Certified CMMI Practitioner

Appraisal Domains

DEV, SVC, SPM, VRT, SEC, SAF, PPL, DATA

Development, Services, Suppliers, Virtual, Security, Safety, People, Data

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I'm new to CMMI. Which class should I take?

To really get to know the model and all of its options, take the 4-day Building Organizational Capability course. It'll introduce you to the basics of CMMI, plus all 8 domains — Development (DEV), Services (SVC), Suppliers (SPM), Virtual (VRT), Security (SEC), Safety (SAF), People (PPL), and Data (DATA).

Ack! That seems long. I just want the basics.

Alright, then just take the two-day Foundations of Capability (FOC). You won't learn the domain-specific content, but at least you'll be exposed to the fundamentals.

Cool. And would that that Foundations class help qualify me as an Appraisal Team Member (ATM)?

Yes, but only if you follow it up with Building Development Excellence (for a CMMI-DEV appraisal) or Building Service Excellence (for CMMI-SVC). Even if you don't plan to be an ATM, those classes still help to solidify domain-specific concepts through team-based, scenario-driven exercises.

What if my appraisal is against V2?

No worries. Your V3 training will qualify you for a V2 appraisal.

Got it. What if I've had the Foundations and Building Development Excellence classes, but the appraisal includes the Security domain? Or People (whatever *that* is)? Or…?

Sorry, but you need the Building Organizational Capability class to qualify for appraisals in those domains.

Foundations of Capability (2 days) includes:
- Performance Excellence & CMMI
- Model Structure
- Maturity Levels
- Appraisals
- The 17 Core Practice Areas (most of the class): Requirements Development & Management (RDM), Verification & Validation (VV), and 15 others

NEW! **Building Organizational Capability** (4 days) includes everything covered by Foundations of Capability, plus the 14 Practice Areas (PAs) specific to each of the 8 domains:
- Development (DEV)
- Services (SVC)
- Suppliers (SPM)
- Virtual (VRT)
- Security (SEC)
- Safety (SAF)
- People (PPL)
- Data (Data)

Building Development Excellence (1 day) builds upon the prerequisite Foundations of Capability, and includes:
- The 2 Development-specific PAs
- Several team-based, scenario-driven exercises focusing on the use of CMMI in a solution development environment

Building Service Excellence (1 day) builds upon the prerequisite Foundations of Capability, and includes:
- The 4 Service-specific PAs
- Several team-based, scenario-driven exercises focusing on the use of CMMI in a service management and delivery environment

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I was hoping I could just take, like, short Building Excellence classes for each domain.

Those just exist for Development and Services. It's possible that classes like that could appear in the future, but right now there are none planned.

I really don't want to take a 4-day course (BOC) that covers all the material I already had in a 2-day course (FOC). Isn't that a bit redundant?

Yes it is. That's why you should consider ISACA's special offer (through March 31, 2024). If you're a current CMMI Associate (meaning you've had Foundations, under either CMMI V2 or V3), you can just take the Practitioner exam. You'll still need to buy the exam (through ISACA), and you'll need some self-studying to pass.

Do you have any Practitioner practice exams to help with my self-study?

Sorry, but I'm only allowed to give them out to students who take my BOC class.

Thanks! One more question: Why all the weird creatures on these slides?

In my V3 classes, I guide you through a sci-fi / fantasy world to help you learn CMMI concepts. A dragon solidifies Managing Business Resilience ideas, aliens help you learn Planning and Managing Work, etc. Hey, whatever keeps you awake!