



# MASTER OF COMMERCE IN PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT (MComPM)

**PROSPECTUS**



## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS OVERVIEW

### PURPOSE OF THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

The purpose of the Master of Commerce degree is to gain superior knowledge and understanding of leading and managing fourth industrial revolution (Industry 4.0 or 4IR) virtual dynamic learning organisations. Momentous changes are occurring in the Industry 4.0 environment. Virtual dynamic value chain management has become a vibrant and extremely valuable field of study. Moreover, in today's high technology environment, one cannot be a successful leader without having profound project and programme management acumen.

The ability to deal with rapidly changing advancements in technology and international competitive markets of Industry 4.0, is enhanced. Customer expectations, product and service enhancement, collaborative innovation, and organisational forms are aspects most affected by the Industry 4.0 economy. These aspects are comprehensively addressed and researched on the Masters course, and students learn how to best maximize organisational benefits of strategic importance that lead to success.

The Master of Commerce distance learning format and structure allow for flexibility and meet the needs of working professionals with limited time to study. Cranefield College is an ISO-9001-certified leader in private higher education and employs only the best qualified and experienced lecturers who are at the cutting edge of development and research in their fields. This ensures that students enjoy first-class tuition and derive maximum practical benefit from their studies. Successful students receive a solid foundation for more advanced studies and may progress to Cranefield's PhD in Commerce and Administration, which signifies the highest level of academic attainment.

### YOU WILL LEARN TO

- Demonstrate with advanced knowledge and skills how to collaboratively lead and programme-manage the cross-functionally shaped value chain of a modern virtual dynamic learning organisation in the quest to optimise its performance in the Industry 4.0 economy.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills in applying Industry 4.0 technological competencies, dynamic organizational capabilities, and knowledge of customer expectations.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills in applying methods and processes, including infrastructural asset management, to mitigate risk and complexity encountered in Industry 4.0 organisational value chains, utilising initiating organisation and partner resources to optimally add value.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills in communicating, critiquing and defending creative ideas produced through independent research, while conforming to meeting the theoretical and technical requirements of advanced research.
- Demonstrate command of research design, research methodologies and execution of the research process.

## ALL CRANEFIELD QUALIFICATIONS ARE ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

### OUR APPROACH TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

To furnish you with a solid theoretical and practical background, the academic programmes provide an introduction to basic and major areas of project and programme management. Included in our teaching are traditional and innovative learning approaches.

### EMPHASIS IS ON LEARNING INSTEAD OF TEACHING:

- Students should prepare themselves thoroughly by studying the prescribed text and recommended reading material.
- Facilitates internalisation of information.
- Promotes meaningful participation in syndicates.
- Classes take the form of presentation and discussion, rather than conventional lectures.
- Both theoretical understanding and practical skills in application are promoted.
- Emphasis is on hands-on problem solving.



## APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN TODAY IN YOUR JOB TOMORROW

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In the current economic climate, employers prefer job-relevant education and training for improving the abilities of employees and for providing them with the necessary skills to apply what they learn today in their work context tomorrow. All academic programmes and modules are presented in English.

Note that live inter-active online classes are streamed globally via the Internet. Student syndicate groups meet outside of work hours to discuss their practical case studies. Cranefield's state of the art teaching and learning technologies allow classes, and even syndicate group meetings, to be attended live online via the Internet anywhere in the world. Recordings of classes are available for revision purposes, or where a student is unable to attend a live online session, or resides in a country that falls outside the time line.

## LEARNING MODULES OUTLINE

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**NQF level 9, with 180 credits:**

### Module Order

**NB:** Modules M8 and M9 electives can be undertaken **in any order**, and Module M10.1 (dissertation of limited scope: 120 credits) or M10.2 (mini-dissertation: 60 credits) immediately after Module M8, depending on the **option** chosen.

### Options Available

The Master of Commerce in Programme Management (Professional) consists of two options.

**OPTION 1:** Undertake module M8 (30 credits), **one** of the module M9 electives (30 credits), and module M10.1 (work context dissertation of limited scope: 120 credits). **Total credits 180.**

**The modules comprising Option 1 are as follows:**

- Module M8: "Leadership and Management Research Methodology" (offered in the 2nd Quarter starting April, and repeated in the 4th Quarter starting October)

Select **ONE** of the following **four electives**:

- Module M9.1 "Infrastructural Asset Management" (offered in 1st Quarter starting January).
- Module M9.2 "Managing for Organisational Performance" (offered in 2nd Quarter starting April).
- Module M9.3 "Managing Virtual Dynamic Learning Organisations" (offered in the 3rd Quarter starting July).
- Module M9.4: "Dynamic Technology Management" (offered in the 4th Quarter starting October).

Do the work context **dissertation of limited scope** (120 credits)

- Module M10.1: "Work context dissertation of limited scope" (can be commenced immediately after completing Module M8).

**OPTION 2:** Undertake module M8 (30 credits), **THREE** of the four module M9 electives (3×30 = 90 credits), and module M10.2 (mini-dissertation of 60 credits). **Total credits 180.**

**NB: This Master's degree option has a distinct Industry 4.0 technology-enhanced virtual dynamic management focus.**

**The modules comprising Option 2 are as follows:**

- Module M8: "Leadership and Management Research Methodology" (offered in the 2nd Quarter starting April, and repeated in the 4th Quarter starting October)
- Module M9.1 "Infrastructural Asset Management" (offered in 1st Quarter starting January).
- Module M9.2 "Managing for Organisational Performance" (offered in 2nd Quarter starting April).
- Module M9.3 "Managing Virtual Dynamic Learning Organisations" (offered in the 3rd Quarter starting July).
- Module M9.4 "Dynamic Technology Management" (offered in the 4th Quarter starting October).

Do the work context **mini dissertation** (60 credits)

- Module M10.2: "Work context mini-dissertation"

## ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION

### Accreditation:

The Master of Commerce in Programme Management (MComPM) Professional is accredited by the Council on Higher Education at NQF level 9, with 180 credits, and registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training. It particularly serves to meet the need for a professional qualification in programme managing the organisational value chain.

### Certification:

The Master of Commerce in Programme Management (MComPM) Professional is fully aligned with the Project Management Institute's PMBoK (Project Management Body of Knowledge) and the International Project Management Association's ICB (International Competency Baseline). It is an ideal route towards gaining international certification as an OPM3 (Organisational Project Management Maturity Model) professional by the Project Management Institute. Moreover, the Master's degree is fully aligned with the International Project Management Association's ICB (International Competency Baseline) 4-level certification model. Successful students qualify for ICB level B certifications.

## PROGRAMME AVAILABILITY

The Master's commences every quarter starting in January, April, July, or October. For details please view the Academic Calendar below (or click on "Academic Calendars" at the top of the HOME page).

### Inter-active live online lectures are presented as follows:

- M8: April to June AND Oct to Dec
- M9.1: Jan to March
- M9.2: April to June
- M9.3: July to Sept
- M9.4: Oct to Dec

The inter-active online lectures are streamed globally on the internet. Afterwards recordings are made available online to students. Modules may be undertaken in any order. The module M8 examination is an individual student Research Proposal. The limited scope dissertation, or mini-dissertation may be commenced once the M8 Research Proposal is approved.

## LEARNING MODE

Cranefield College offers technology-enhanced distance learning. It entails the integration of self-study, live inter-active online classes, and recordings of classes online. Cranefield's learning mode is supported by its online Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

# \*ACADEMIC PROGRAMME FEES

### DEGREE FEE:

R 117, 000.00  
Pay full fee, or (R6 700.00 registration fee + R 55, 150.00 for the first module) R 61, 850.00, plus R 55, 150.00 at the end of the 1st module. \*May be claimed back from your organisation's SETA (South Africa)

### REGISTRATION FEE:

R 6, 700.00

### OTHER FEES:

Two payments of R 55, 150.00 each

### PAYMENT OPTION 1:

Full amount of R117, 000.00 once off

### PAYMENT OPTION 2:

First payment: R 6, 700.00 + R 55, 150.00 = R 61, 850.00

Second payment: R 55, 150.00.

NOTE: It is advisable to be employed, and for your employer to sponsor the payment(s) and claim back the fees from the relevant SETA(South Africa).

### CANCELLATION FEE

Contact Cranefield's Financial Co-ordinator.

### MODULE REPEAT FEE

Contact Cranefield's Financial Co-ordinator. \*May be claimed back from your organisation's SETA (South Africa)

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMME INFO

- CLASSES PER MODUE
- 5 live inter-active online classes: 10H00 – 13H00 RSA time (Greenwich +2)
- LIVE ONLINE ATTENDANCE Globally
- ACADEMIC PROGRAMME START DATES See Website
- REGISTRATION CLOSES 7 days prior to starting dates
- PROGRAMME DURATION 9 months – 3 modules



## CLASS ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

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### All modules (live online):

- Although Cranefield operates on a distance learning mode, students are advised to attend the inter-active online classes streamed globally.
- Note that students can also view recordings of all lectures online in their own time.

### Live lecture session times and frequency

#### Time:

10h00 - 13h00

#### Contact Days:

Five (5) live inter-active online lecture dates per module, spread evenly over the three months duration of each module. For dates see the ACADEMIC CALENDER below.

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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Cranefields Postgraduate Diploma in Programme Management. Candidates who hold degrees or diplomas obtained from other recognised academic institutions and have relevant experience, may also apply. All relevant information and documentation, including a detailed curriculum vitae and the applicant's work experience, must be submitted to the Registrar (Academic). Hence, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Completion of Cranefields Postgraduate Diploma in Programme Management, or any NQF Level 8 or higher qualification recognised by the Admissions Committee as being equivalent, is a prerequisite for admission.
2. An 'equivalent qualification means any NQF level 8 or higher qualification with similar content as Crane-fields Postgraduate Diploma.
3. If certain subjects were not sufficiently covered in the 'equivalent qualification, relevant modules from the Postgraduate Diploma learning programme will have to be undertaken in addition to those of the Master's learning programme.
4. Every case will be evaluated on its own merits.

### Submission of Documents:

1. Submit certified copies of your highest academic qualifications.
2. Submit a curriculum vitae, which must reflect all your qualifications and the latest grades received.
3. The Admissions Committee may, however, require you to provide certified copies relating to all courses/programmes attended at any other institution, prior to approving admission to the learning programme involved.

EVERY APPLICATION WILL BE ASSESSED ON ITS OWN MERITS.

Note: When undergraduate courses are still in progress at the time of application, or graduate programmes have not been completed, and are not reported on the certified copies, applicants must provide a 'statement of registration' to the Registrar (Academic).

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application form and upload the required documents.



**APPLY NOW**

*Kindly note applications close 7 days prior to the starting date.*

Should you experience any difficulties, kindly contact [registrations@cranefield.ac.za](mailto:registrations@cranefield.ac.za) or [admin@cranefield.ac.za](mailto:admin@cranefield.ac.za) for assistance.

## LIVE ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING

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All lectures are streamed inter-actively live online globally via Cranefield's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). The online system also caters for viewing recordings of all classes afterwards.

Cranefield uses its Blackboard Learning Management System as a platform for the inter-active live online classes, which enhances the entire process for lecturers and students.

- Students are able to see and ask questions from the lecturer.
- Remote students, including those in other countries, are able to attend live inter-active online classes via the Internet, or view recordings thereof.

### CONTACT US:

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### CLASS DATES:

Have a look at our Academic Calendar.

### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you want to find out more about the Master of Commerce in Programme Management, have a look at our full Prospectus on our website.

### WHERE CAN I FIND IT?

Go to 'about us' on our website and select Prospectus.

