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Course Introduction

Projects rarely move from “on track” to “in trouble” overnight. More often, performance begins to drift through a series of small deviations: activities take slightly longer, decisions remain open, interfaces become slower, rework increases, productivity softens, dependencies shift, and short-term workarounds gradually become normal practice. Individually, these changes may remain within acceptable tolerances; collectively, they can move the project away from its intended trajectory long before conventional delay or cost-overrun indicators confirm the problem.

BOOST Consulting & Training presents **Project Drift Detection and Recovery**, a practical program designed to help project professionals recognize **directional deterioration while recovery options are still available**. The course develops the ability to establish a meaningful project baseline, distinguish isolated variance from accumulating drift, connect weak signals across different areas of delivery, identify the mechanisms driving the project off course, and design proportionate recovery actions that restore trajectory without automatically resorting to major replanning.

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Target Audience

Project and program managers, PMO professionals, project controls specialists, planners, and professionals responsible for monitoring and recovering project performance.

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Learning Objectives

- ✓ Distinguish routine project variance from emerging project drift.
- ✓ Detect weak signals that indicate deterioration in project trajectory.
- ✓ Connect deviations across schedule, productivity, decisions, interfaces and rework.
- ✓ Identify the underlying mechanisms driving cumulative drift.
- ✓ Assess the severity and recoverability of emerging deviations.
- ✓ Select proportionate recovery actions before major disruption occurs.
- ✓ Build a practical system for detecting and correcting project drift.

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✓ Day 01

Recognizing Drift Before Failure

Understanding Project Drift

- ✓ Distinguishing isolated variance, normal fluctuation and directional drift
- ✓ Understanding how small deviations accumulate without immediately breaching thresholds
- ✓ Identifying why conventional status reporting may continue to show acceptable performance

Establishing the Intended Trajectory

- ✓ Defining the schedule, productivity, decision and delivery patterns expected at the current stage
- ✓ Identifying critical relationships that indicate whether the project is moving as intended
- ✓ Creating a reference point for detecting meaningful directional change

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✓ Day 02

Detecting Weak Signals Across Delivery

Reading Early Drift Signals

- ✓ Tracking repeated slippage, decision ageing, rework and productivity deterioration
- ✓ Detecting increasing reliance on workarounds, expediting and temporary recovery actions
- ✓ Identifying changes in handoffs and dependencies that precede visible performance failure

Connecting Signals Across the Project

- ✓ Combining individually minor deviations into meaningful drift patterns
- ✓ Identifying common drivers behind apparently unrelated performance changes
- ✓ Building a Project Drift Map showing concentration and direction of deterioration

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✓ Day 03

Diagnosing What Is Pulling the Project Off Course

Tracing Drift to Its Source

- ✓ Separating symptoms from the mechanisms creating continued deviation
- ✓ Identifying reinforcing loops that cause small problems to generate further problems
- ✓ Detecting whether drift originates in capacity, coordination, decisions, sequencing or execution

Assessing Drift Severity

- ✓ Evaluating direction, speed, persistence and spread of deterioration
- ✓ Identifying how much recovery flexibility remains
- ✓ Distinguishing drift that can be corrected locally from deterioration requiring broader intervention

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✓ Day 04

Designing the Recovery Path

Selecting Proportionate Recovery Actions

- ✓ Matching the intervention to the actual mechanism causing drift
- ✓ Prioritizing actions that interrupt reinforcing deterioration
- ✓ Avoiding broad recovery measures that create unnecessary disruption

Recovering Without Creating New Drift

- ✓ Evaluating the downstream effects of acceleration, resequencing and resource changes
- ✓ Protecting critical dependencies while restoring performance
- ✓ Testing whether recovery actions remove the cause or simply improve short-term indicators

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Restoring and Protecting Project Trajectory

Confirming Sustainable Recovery

- ✓ Measuring whether recovery has changed the underlying trend
- ✓ Detecting rebound into previous drift patterns
- ✓ Adjusting monitoring signals and thresholds using recovery experience

Project Drift Recovery Lab

- ✓ Managing a project scenario containing multiple small but connected deviations
- ✓ Diagnosing the drift pattern and selecting targeted recovery actions
- ✓ Building a Project Drift Detection and Recovery Plan for workplace application

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