

## **Certified SAFe® Product Owner/Product Manager**

#### **Course Outline**

# **Module 1: Exploring Product Owner and Product Management Roles and Responsibilities**

- Introducing SAFe® for Product Owners and Product Management
  - o Product Owner (PO) Areas of Responsibility
  - Product Management Areas of Responsibility
- Lean-Agile Mindset
  - o Embrace the Lean-Agile Mindset
  - o Agile Manifesto Principles
  - SAFe® Lean-Agile Principles
- Value Streams
  - o What is a Value Stream?
  - o Operational Value Streams
  - Development Value Streams
  - o What is a Solution?
  - Operational Value Streams for TTC
  - o What is an Agile Release Train (ART)?
  - o What is an Agile Team?
  - Areas of Responsibility of the Agile Team
- Responsibilities of Product Owners and Product Management
  - o Product Management, PO, and Agile Team Partner
  - o PO Areas of Responsibility
  - Connecting with the Customer
  - o Contributing to the Vision and Roadmap
  - o Managing and Prioritizing Team Backlog
  - Supporting the Team in Value Delivery
  - o Getting and Applying Feedback

### **Module 2: Preparing for PI Planning**

- PI Planning
  - What is a Planning Interval (PI)?
  - What is PI Planning?
  - o POs and Product Management are Essential to PI Planning
  - Benefits of PI Planning
- Solution Vision
  - o What is a Solution Vision?
  - o Influence of Strategic Themes
  - o Express the Future State as a Vision
- Solution and PI Roadmaps
  - o Market Dynamics Influence Solution and PI Roadmaps
  - o Market Rhythms are Cyclical and Predictable
- Customer-Centric Features
  - o Summary of SAFe® Requirements
  - Creating Epics to Fulfil the Vision



- Personas Help Understand Customers
- o Relative Estimating
- Features are Implemented by Stories
- ART Backlog and Kanban
  - o Features are Managed Through the ART Backlog
  - Partner with System Architects
  - Capacity Allocation
  - o Kanban Summarized
  - o Prioritize Features for Optimal ROI
  - o Prioritization Anti-Patterns
  - Components of Cost of Delay
  - o Calculate WSJF with Relative Estimating

#### **Module 3: Leading PI Planning**

- Communicate the Vision
  - o What POs and Product Management Do During PI Planning?
  - o Communicate the Vision
  - o Communicate the PI Roadmap
  - o PI Roadmap for the TTC Van Program
  - Support Team Breakouts
- Establish PI Objectives
  - o PI Objectives
  - o Why Do We Use PI Objectives?
  - o Distinguish Features from PI Objectives
  - Tips for Writing Effective Team PI Objectives
  - o Create Alignment with PI Objectives
  - o Maintain Predictability with Uncommitted Objectives
  - o Considerations When Assigning Business Value
- Manage Dependencies
  - Using an ART Planning Board to Visualize Work
  - o Strategies for Managing Dependencies
  - o PI Planning Can Reveal Opportunities to Release Value Sooner
- Manage Risks
  - Types of Risks
  - Building the Final Plan
  - Addressing ART PI Risks
  - Confidence Vote

#### **Module 4: Executing Iterations**

- Stories and Story Maps
  - o Features are Split into Stories
  - o What are Stories?
  - o When is a Story Complete?
  - Use Story Maps to Capture Workflows
  - Integrating User Experience and Interface Design
- Iteration Planning
  - Product Owners Lead Iteration Planning



- Sequencing Stories
- o Iteration Planning Agenda
- Establishing Capacity
- o Capacity Allocation for a Healthy Balance
- Using Velocity to Establish Capacity
- Estimate Stories with Relative Story Points
- Iteration Goals
- Tips for Effective Iteration Planning
- Team Kanban
  - o Team Kanban Promotes Collaboration and Facilitates Flow
  - POs and the Team Sync
  - o Backlog Refinement
- Tips for Effective Backlog Refinement
- Iteration Review and Iteration Retrospective
  - o Iteration Review
  - o Iteration Review guidelines
  - Scalable Definition of Done
  - o Relentless Improvement
  - Iteration Retrospective
- DevOps and Release on Demand
  - Building the Continuous Delivery Pipeline with DevOps
  - o Continuous Exploration (CE) Understand Customer Needs
  - o Continuous Integration (CI) A Critical Technical Practice of the ART
  - o Continuous Deployment (CD) Getting to Production Early
  - o Decouple Release Elements from the Total Solution

#### **Module 5: Executing the PI**

- Product Owner (PO) Sync
  - PO Sync helps ARTs Respond to Change
- System Demo
- Innovation and Planning Iteration
  - SAFe® Core Values
  - Innovation and Planning (IP) Iteration
  - IP Iteration
  - Organize a Hackathon
  - Organize a Supplier Showcase
  - Spikes
- Inspect and Adapt
  - Improve Results
  - o PI System Demo
  - o Review Relevant Metrics
  - Competency Assessments
  - Flow Metrics
  - Eight Flow Accelerators
  - Program Performance Reporting
  - o Measure ART Predictability
  - o Team Performance Assessment



o Program Performance Metrics

## **Module 6: Practicing SAFe®**

- SAFe® Toolkits
- Community Video Hub
- Online Learning Resources
- SAFe® Collaborate
- SAFe® Assessments
- SAFe® Forums