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What is the Green Belt project? Completion of a Green Belt project is optional in this certificate program. In the traditional classroom option, your registration fee includes one year of instructor mentorship immediately following the course to identify and complete an approved project. In the online class, the project mentorship can be purchased for an additional fee. Oftentimes a project will serve as credible evidence to an employer that you can apply Six Sigma in the real world. The registration fee will not be discounted if you choose not to complete a project. Two six-month project extensions are available for purchase if you are unable to complete your project within twelve months. Typically, projects are conducted at the participants workplace. If a participant is not currently employed, he/she should seek out a volunteer or non-profit organization that may benefit from a process improvement project. During the class, participants will have the opportunity to brainstorm possible Six Sigma projects with the instructor and work on the project problem and goal statements. Ideally, a project topic will be approved by the last day of class. If more time is needed, participants can communicate with the instructor via email. The project topic, problem and goal statements must be approved by the instructor. Failing to have a project approved before proceeding may result in the project being rejected by the mentor. After each phase of the approved Six Sigma project, participants will submit documentation for instructor review. The participant may redact any confidential or sensitive data or information from the documentation if required by the participants organization. Participants will have the ability to communicate with the instructor via email and/or phone conference over the 12-month period immediately following the course. In addition to reviewing the required documentation, the instructor is also available to offer specific project management advice, guidance on the use of Six Sigma tools, and technical assistance in data collection and analysis. Is a project required? For the Yellow Belt certification, a project is not required. For the Green Belt certification, the project is completely optional and included in the registration fee when you choose the traditional classroom option. In the online class option, the project mentorship can be purchased for an additional \$500 fee. Oftentimes completion of a project will serve as credible evidence to an employer that you can apply Six Sigma in the real world. For the Black Belt certification, yes. The project is required and included in the registration fee. The completion of the project serves as credible evidence that you can apply Six Sigma in the real world. If I choose not to complete a project, may I receive a discount off of the registration fee? No. A discount will not be applied for a participants choice not to complete the project. How long do I have to complete the project? Participants are given 12 months from the last day of classroom/online training to complete his/her approved project. The project must be approved by the instructor beforehand and submitted by each of the DMAIC phases. What if I do not finish my project within the allotted twelve months? Two separate six-month extensions are available to purchase if you are unable to finish within the allotted twelve-month period. Each extension is \$500. Call Customer Care at 904-620-4200 to purchase a project extension. Do I need to complete a Yellow Belt training first? No. Yellow Belt training is not a prerequisite for UNFs Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate or Black Belt Certificate. Do I need to complete a Green Belt training first? Yes. For Black Belt certification, completion of a Green Belt training is a prerequisite of our program. Participants that have attended a non-UNF Green Belt program may be eligible to attend if the program attended was comparable in duration and content (instructor approval is required). Do I need to complete a Green Belt project first? No. While it is required that you have completed a Green Belt training program prior to enrolling in the Black Belt program, the project component is not a requirement. If you have completed a project with a non-UNF Green Belt program, it is recommended that you provide that for instructor review to support your admission into the Black Belt program. Will I need to be a statistician to earn Green Belt certification? No. The course provides a background in basic statistics needed as part of the training. There are also many free online training programs available for those that need additional assistance. How much of a statistics background do I need for Black Belt certification? There are some advanced statistics used in this course. If you are comfortable with creating graphs and using formulas in Excel, youre way ahead of the game. If you arent that familiar with Excel, youll be adding that skill to your Six Sigma toolbox using the quick Excel tutorials included in the course. The statistics course will ask more of you in terms of mathematical ability, but there are ample videos and software demos to help you understand the concepts. Plus, live office hours with the instructor can make those fuzzy topics seem so much clearer. Are my materials included in the registration fee? Yes, for the Green Belt traditional classroom option, all course materials are included in the registration fee. You will need to bring a laptop computer, loaded with Excel, to each class, as well as a pen or pencil. For the Green Belt online course option, you will need to separately purchase the companion textbook, Lean Six Sigma Self-Paced Online Course Companion: Green Belt Level, which can be found on Amazon for less than \$30. You will also need a computer loaded with Excel to complete the assignments. For the Green Belt for Healthcare Organizations online course option, you will need to separately purchase the companion textbook, Lean Six Sigma Self-Paced Online Course Companion: Green Belt for Healthcare. You will also need a computer loaded with Excel to complete the assignments. For the Black Belt online course option, you will need to purchase the companion textbooks separately, which can be found on Amazon. For the first course, the companion textbook is Lean Six Sigma Leadership Tools for Black Belts. For the second course, the companion textbook is Statistics for Black Belts: Slide Book. The instructor recommends you also purchase The Probability Handbook and DOE Simplified. You will also need a computer loaded with Excel to complete the assignments. You will also need a Minitab for the second course. A student license can be purchased through UNF Division of Continuing Education by calling 904-620-4200. Is there a final exam? Yes. With the traditional classroom option, the final exam is open-book and completed online through the course portal. The exam will be completed on the final day of class and consists of 50 multiple choice questions. With the online class option, instead of a comprehensive final exam, you will complete end-of-module quizzes that are open-book and multiple choice. How long do I have to complete the online course option? Participants in the online course are provided with six months access from the date of registration to successfully complete all components of the course. Six month extensions can be purchased for an additional \$100 fee for those that cannot complete within the allotted timeframe. Call Customer Care at 904-620-4200 to purchase a course extension. Whats the difference between the traditional classroom option and the online class option? Both programs are identical in content and share the same learning objectives. The main difference is the delivery format and the manner in which concepts are reinforced. Participants in the traditional classroom option will benefit from live, interactive instruction with peers, completing individual and group exercises. Participants in the online class option will have instructor support, but will receive video lectures and self-led, individual exercises. The Green Belt Project is optional for both formats, but the 12 months of instructor mentorship is included in the traditional classroom option; it must be purchased separately in the online option. Who is the instructor? LinkedIn ProfileDr. Mary McShane-Vaughn is currently the Principal at University Training Partners, a company that develops and delivers Lean Six Sigma training for corporations and universities. She earned her Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering and an MS in Statistics from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a BS in Industrial Engineering from General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) in Flint, Michigan. Dr. McShane-Vaughn has created and delivered Yellow, Green, and Black Belt training courses to hundreds of students, both in-person and online. Over the past seven years, she has enthusiastically delivered more than 70 Yellow, Green, and Black Belt courses for her university and corporate clients. Previously, Mary was a tenured faculty member at Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia (now Kennesaw State University). For eight years she directed and grew the Master of Science in Quality Assurance program and taught statistics, statistical quality control, linear regression, and design of experiments online in the graduate program. 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Become the Process Improvement Leader Your Organization Needs In todays competitive business landscape, the ability to streamline operations, cut costs, and improve efficiency is no longer just a bonusit's a necessity. With the University of South Floridas Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, youll gain the practical, data-driven tools to lead successful process improvement projects and deliver measurable business results. Whether youre looking to enhance your current role, fast-track your career, or switch industries, Lean Six Sigma will give you the competitive edge you need to transform your career and your companies bottom line. Our Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification covers everything you need to lead projects that drive lasting improvements in any industry: Master the DMAIC Methodology: Learn to implement the Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control approach to solve complex business problems. Lead Projects with Confidence: Understand how to scope, manage, and deliver process improvement initiatives that result in measurable outcomes. Apply Advanced Tools: Gain hands-on experience with process maps, Pareto charts, and root cause analysis, and control charts. Drive Measurable Change: By the end of the course, youll have completed a real-world project that demonstrates your ability to drive efficiency and results. Through this certification, youll develop a deep understanding of Lean Six Sigma principles that will set you apart from your peers and position you as a leader in process improvement. Get Certified: Transform Your Skills and Your Career Unlock Leadership Opportunities and Career Growth Lean Six Sigma skills are in high demand across industries, from healthcare to manufacturing and finance. By earning your Green Belt, youll be equipped to: Lead Process Improvement Projects: Be the go-to person for improving efficiency, cutting costs, and optimizing performance in your organization. Advance into Leadership Roles: Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification sets you apart from your peers, making you a top candidate for leadership positions. Increase Your Earning Potential: Certified Lean Six Sigma professionals often see a significant boost in salary, with some reporting increases of 10-15% after certification. Take control of your career and demonstrate your ability to deliver real value to your organization. Dont just take our word for ittheres how our program has impacted the careers of past students: Our alumni consistently report career advancements, increased salaries, and significant operational improvements after completing our program. You could be next. Join Our Alumni Network: Get Certified and Start Your Success Story Accessorize your outfit with the perfect belt to give your look that extra touch. At Target, you can pick belts with the latest trends for men and women. Select from leather belts, woven, embossed, perforated, reversible, suede finished belts and much more to accentuate your jeans or pant suits. Belts are a lot more than functional these days and are very stylish, with their own niche in fashion. Try a studded leather belt to add a trendy twist to your jean outfit or a nice buckle belt to elevate your everyday pantsuit. Experiment with belts in different colors for your outfits and accessories to give you the look you want. Black leather, bridle, suspensers, and so much more for men and women to choose from. And if want to add zing to your pantsuits with animal prints, you can pick from a vast selection of complementing dress belts so that your look is chic with style. A belt is a foundational garmentan immutable truth whether you abide by the less is more or the more is more fashion philosophy. The utilitarian accessory has proven particularly germane in 2025 as industry figures wrap leather, calf hair, and straw styles everywhere from the narrowest part of their waists to the widest section of their hips. To name a few recent moments, influencer Leandra Cohen flooded her feed with thick statement belts, Schiaparelli Creative Director Daniel Roseberry knotted overlapping Western buckles around runway models as part of the houses fall/winter collection, and H.E.R. capped off her Oscars red carpet Ralph Lauren gown with a metallic number. So, if you havent already, its time to pay the transformative-yet-functional accessory proper mind. I love using a belt to create shape or add a finishing touch. Sometimes your outfit just needs that something extra. A belt can tie everything together or add contrast in a really intentionaland funway, like a pop of color, says Jamie Grimstad Huth, a stylist and founder of Curated by Jamie. As someone whos nursed the same leather belt in my wardrobe for years, I was due for a renewed foray into this category. After testing some of the most popular options and surveying the rest of the InStyle team, I selected the 60 with major styling power and spoke with seasoned stylists about the qualities that make a belt worth your investment. Animal print continues to be all the rage among the fashion set. For those intimidated by the prospect of head-to-toe tiger or zebra stripes, a belt is an approachable, low-lift way to incorporate the (realistically evergreen) trend into your ensemble. A digestible dose of snake scales, cow spots, or leopard rosettes is enough to reinvigorate a rotation of blue jeans, black trousers, and silk dresses. Treat your animal print belt as an invitation to introduce a new texture, so look for pieces with materials like calf hair and scale-effect leather. Theyll add contrast and intrigue. Pair the animal print belt with an otherwise monochrome look (I tend to opt for all white, black, or brown) to make the pattern pop. There are belts designed for function, and there are belts designed for fashion; waist-cinchers fall firmly in the latter category. Designed to fasten around your torsos narrowest area, they automatically give you the appearance of curves (illusion or noit doesnt matter). Although baggy clothes can look chic hanging loosely, adding a waist-cinching belt transforms the same pieces into an altogether different look. If you think of your outfit as a meal, consider a waist-cinching belt the dessert. You could turn it away, but doing so cuts the experience off before it reaches its full potential. As a huge proponent of oversized silhouettes, I love a wide, corset-like belt to give my lookwhether its a maxi dress, cozy sweater, or chic button-downsome shape. In its most classic, pared-down form, a suede belt exudes casual refinement. The soft texture adds a warm detail to any outfit, and because the material tends to be more matte than other options, it blends well with an array of garments. Although we typically associate suede with crisp autumn temperatures and snow-filled winter days, you can wear a belt made with the material during all four seasons. We can and should be considering adding a belt year-roundthis includes suede! Suede belts can be worn in the summer, says personal stylist Lauren Sharkey. Adding a suede belt to an otherwise casual outfit can instantly elevate it into a more sophisticated ensemble. In the summer (yes, I can wear my suede belt all year long), I like to juxtapose it with all a white top and bottom or a flowy sundress. If youre going to invest in one belt and one belt only, make it leather. Durable, polished, and versatile, a good leather belt, whether its a rich chocolate brown with gold hardware or jet black with silver detailing, never goes out of style. In fact, it only gets better with age. The more you wear it, the more it develops a vintage-looking patina. Leathergood leather, that islasts. So when youre investing in a belt made from the material, choose a design with a strap color and buckle shape you love and wont tire of. Also, seek out a design with plenty of holes, so you can ideally wear the timeless, versatile piece around your hips or waist for years to come. According to Grimstad Huth, Skinny belts are making a comeback, often styled over outerwear or layered over long knits. Not all of these slender, sleek belts are alike, though. Some hit your waist, while others sit at the hips. You can get a minimalist leather sliver to slide through your work trousers or opt for an embellished number that adds metallic flair to your dark-wash bottoms. Either way, its a barely there addition to elevate your outfit.This Madewell belt is a classic, affordable option that pairs with everything from high-waisted jeans to a tailored pencil skirt. Skinny belts dont have to fit your waist perfectly. Many of the ones I have double as waist belts, so if I have extra strap remaining when its fastened to my waist, I tuck it under the belt loop and let it hang free for an undone addition to my ensemble. Western-style beltsI can identify by their chunky hardware, earthy tones, thick leather straps, and embellished angular belt tipswalk a fine line. Too costumey, and you wont wear them regularly. Too understated, and they wont achieve the classic Americana appearance that tempted you to buy them in the first place. Done right, a Western belt makes you look put together in a rugged, undone way. For a belt to last, it must be made, and made well, using the right materials. Material, craftsmanship, and hardware are key, says Grimstad Huth. A belt should feel like a piece of jewelry. Because itll be a core part of your wardrobe for years (decades!) to come, make an informed decision about the design, considering details like color, hardware shape, and stitching. A well-made belt should last for years and work across a range of outfits, so I avoid overly trendy designs, says fashion stylist Emma Lane. Lest we forget, belts are an accessory (albeit a functional one), and like any worthwhile accessory, they should add to, even adorn, an outfit. Chain and rope belts do just that. These designs typically drape loosely around your hips or waist. Although theyre more for style than usefulness, theyre usually adjustable, particularly if they clasp via the chain. Wear these styles casually with a sundress, or wrap them around a silk evening gown to add a touch of shape. Here at InStyle, we talk a lot about investing in pieces you love. We also understand that not every purchase can or should be a splurge. Whether youre watching your wallet or testing out a new trend, you can get an affordable belt that helps you achieve your style goals. Check out the options below, all editor-approved belts that cost less than \$50. Braided or woven belts are casual staples. These intricate designs look smart, to be sure, and wed wear them with everything from pleated trousers to jean shorts. In fact, we consider them one of the most practical styles you can own. And because you usually (not always) stick the prong through an opening in the braided material, you can guarantee what feels like a custom fit. You can also typically wear it different ways, so cinch it more tightly around your waist or loop it through your pantsill have a precise fit regardless.Material: As is the case with shoes and purses, one of the main indicators of a belts quality is its material. With the right composition (you cant veer too far off course with a smooth leather or rich suede), your belt will last for years and prove more versatile with your looks, casual and formal. Dressy belts can be made from polished leather or even be metallic, while casual belts tend to be made from woven fabrics, canvas, braided, raffia, and embellishments like studs, says fashion stylist Corina Gaffey.Width: A well-established closet has a range of belt widths, which allows the individual to pull out the width that fits their belt loops heights and their looks overall vibe, explains Sharkey. If youre buying your first belt or building out your belt collection, she says the standard size is 1 inch, as it fits nearly all pants. Once youre ready to expand your collection, buy a 0.5-inch and a 1.5-inch belt. A wider belt can make a statement, but may overwhelm petite frames. With that said, Im loving a wider belt these days with denimits super chic and brings an elevated look to an outfit, adds Grimstad Huth.Placement: Belts can sit anywhere from beneath your hip bones to around your waistplacement is all about styling, proportions, and desired look. The two main types are waist and hip belts. A waist belt sits right above the belly button and is the outermost layer of look, layered over dresses, sweaters, blazers, and trench coats. Most often, waist belts are more fashionable than functional, explains Sharkey. Slightly more practical, hip belts tend to go through pant loops and improve the fit of your trousers. It rests lower on your hips for a more laid-back vibe, says stylist Lane.Color: Belt shade, whether you opt for a neutral or a pop of color, is a matter of personal preference. The old rule of thumb is that your belt should match your shoes. Theres nothing wrong with creating a cohesive, considered look, but according to some of our experts, intentional mismatching can be a good thing. A complementary color story can feel more modern and intentional than a perfect match. You can also use belts to try new color combinations, like a suede camel belt with a dark pair of jeans, says Grimstad Huth. Maximalists and daring dressers can use their belts to make more of a statement, layering different shades, leathers, and prints as their outfits finishing touches, Sharkey says.Size: To avoid having a belt with a too-short or too-long tongue, take your measurements before placing your order. The easiest method is to measure a well-fitting belt that you already have. Start from just after the buckle and measure to the hole you use most often, instructs Gaffey. If youre starting from scratch, grab a soft tape measure. Use the tool to measure either your hips or your waist, depending on whether you plan to wear the belt with high-, mid-, or low-rise pants, and match your measurements to the sizing chart. If you find youre in between sizes, size up, says Sharkey. We can always make a belt 1 or 2 inches smaller by adding a new hole with a leather hole puncher.Hardware: Hardware holds belts together, and according to Sharkey, its size and quality can define how you style a piece. Im grabbing a simple belt with minimal hardware for the office and saving oversized buckles and heavy hardware (like a Western belt) for the evenings and weekends, she adds. Lane reaches for belts with metallic hardware for dressier looks, and Gaffey prioritizes designer logos, textures, and shiny hardware when she wants to add some oomph to her outfits. Youd style a thick, waist-cinching belt differently than a skinny leather one, but no matter a belts width, texture, or placement, the key is always, always proportions. Belts create waists, establish the rule of thirds, and add a layer of depth, says Sharkey. As someone who most often wears monochromatic or tonal looks, adding a matching belt adds depth and interest. Shell often belt oversized blazers at the hips to transform them into structured tops or throw a belt on a plain outfit to make it more unique. The options are endless. You can try it over a floaty dress, trench coat, or cardigan. Belts can add cohesion to an outfit or cause a little disruption to a simple outfit with a stylish twist, depending on what style you go for, says Gaffey. A belt can create balance, add shape or a focal point; really, its an accessory workhorse. Put plainly: Belts can work on everyone, but some styles do tend to look better on certain body types than others. The first step? Identify the areas youd like to accentuate. Belts can be helpful when playing with proportions and creating definition where it feels best for your frame, says Grimstad Huth. For example, Sharkey suggests that pear-shaped individuals might opt for a wide belt around their upper hip or waist to draw the eye to the narrowest part of their torso and give their outfits shape, while Gaffey notes that belts can give rectangular or straight shapes the appearance of curves. Placement can also come into play. If you have a fuller bust and want to create definition, placing a belt slightly lower than your natural waistline creates balance and elongates the frame, says Gaffey. Its all about playing with widths and placement to see what works for you and is most comfortable. If youve noticed more and more belts popping up on runways and red carpets, youre perceptive. As belts have transformed from functional pieces to fashion accessories, the market has exploded, giving us an abundance of styles, sizes, and aesthetics, explains Sharkey, who says she currently has her eye on year-round cognac suede designs. Recently, top designers such as Miu Miu, Schiaparelli, and Ralph Lauren have leaned heavily into the accessory in their runway shows by stacking two or more of them on top of each other. If you want to add nuance to an outfit, this runway-approved styling trick is about layering and stacking two or more belts. Its about mixing textures and styles to make it look intentional, Gaffey says. Even with one piece, you can make a standalone statement. Grimstad Huth has noticed a general return to bold hardware (think: sculptural buckles, stacked loops, and mixed metals). If you prefer to tone down the metallics and keep things light, Lane recommends wearing a scarf as a belt. Its such a fresh and playful way to style an outfit. It adds color and movement in a way traditional belts dont, she says. The consensus among experts is that belts age quickly, particularly if you wear them often and dont take proper care of them. The first step is storagekeep them on a belt hanger to avoid creasing or roll them loosely in a dust bag, preferably away from sunlight to avoid discoloration. Also consider the belts material. If its leather, Gaffey suggests conditioning it to prevent cracking. And if your belt has heavy-duty hardware, polish it occasionally to keep it from looking tarnished or scratched. Claudia Willen is an associate editor at InStyle, where she writes, edits, and reports on the latest fashion and beauty trends. For this story, she spent hours researching the most in-demand, highly rated belts and interviewed style experts Corina Gaffey, Jamie Grimstad Huth, Emma Lane, and Lauren Sharkey.

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