

# Readiness Checklist: Expanding Focus and Alignment

*Before you begin the assessment associated with this course, use the checklist below to ensure that you fully understand the course concepts and can complete the tasks associated with each one.*



Define systems thinking and explain how it is different from traditional analysis. Define the vocabulary terms related to systems thinking.



Differentiate between different types of systems (e.g., complex, complicated), and describe which project management methods are most appropriate for each.



Understand the elements of systems (e.g., nonlinearity) and identify when a specific element is arising in a given system.



Identify different kinds of systems-thinking models and tools and the situations in which they are used. Indicate how these models can be useful tools for systems thinking.



Describe different methods for assessing a project system.



Identify, define, and describe leverage points. Explain which leverage points are more powerful in exerting change upon a project system.



Define causality as it relates to systems thinking. Characterize causality in terms of project management.

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Describe causal problems and understand how causal problems are different from other kinds of issues.



Differentiate between open and closed systems.



Recognize and provide examples of positive and negative feedback loops.