

# Course Description

## SAFe® Advanced Scrum Master

Advancing Scrum Master servant leadership with the Scaled Agile Framework® (SAFe®)

*With SAFe® 4 Advanced Scrum Master Certification*

*Based on version 4.5 of SAFe*

## Summary

This two-day course prepares current Scrum Masters for their leadership role in facilitating Agile team, program, and enterprise success in a Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe®) implementation. The course covers facilitation of cross-team interactions in support of program execution and relentless improvement. It enhances the Scrum paradigm with an introduction to scalable engineering and DevOps practices; the application of Kanban to facilitate the flow of value; and supporting interactions with architects, product management, and other critical stakeholders in the larger program and enterprise contexts.

The course offers actionable tools for building high-performing teams and explores practical ways of addressing Agile and Scrum anti-patterns in the enterprise.

## Who will benefit?

The following individuals will benefit from this course:

- Existing Scrum Masters
- Team leaders, project managers, and others assuming the role of an Agile Team facilitator in a SAFe or enterprise Agile context
- Engineering and development managers responsible for Agile execution and coaching teams, including teams of teams
- Agile coaches
- Agile Program Managers
- Prospective SAFe Release Train Engineers

## Learning Goals

To perform the role of a *SAFe® Advanced Scrum Master* attendees should be able to:

- Apply SAFe principles to facilitation, enablement, and coaching in a multi-team environment
- Build a high-performing team and foster relentless improvement at scale
- Address Agile and Scrum anti-patterns
- Support the adoption of engineering practices, DevOps, and Agile architecture
- Learn to apply Kanban eXtreme Programming (XP) frameworks to optimize flow and improve the team's work
- Facilitate program planning, execution, and delivery of end-to-end systems value
- Support learning through participation in Communities of Practice and innovation cycles

## Topics Covered

- Exploring the Scrum Master role in the SAFe enterprise
- Applying SAFe Principles: A Scrum Master's perspective

- Exploring Agile and Scrum anti-patterns
- Facilitating program execution
- Improving flow with Kanban and XP
- Building high-performing teams
- Improving program performance with Inspect and Adapt

## Prerequisites

All are welcome to attend the course, regardless of experience. However, having one or more of the following certifications is highly recommended for those who intend to take the *SAFe® 4 Advanced Scrum Master (SASM)* certification exam:

- SAFe® 4 Scrum Master (SSM) certification
- Certified Scrum Master (CSM) certification
- Professional Scrum Master (PSM) certification

## What You Get

The class registration includes:

- Attendee workbook
- Preparation and eligibility to take the *SAFe® 4 Advanced Scrum Master (SASM)* exam
- One-year membership to the SAFe Community Platform
- Course certificate of completion

Attendees must attend both days of the course in order to qualify for the exam.

## SAFe Certification Kit

- SAFe Advanced Scrum Master (SASM) certification
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Attendees who pass the exam will receive:

- A SAFe Advanced Scrum Master certificate
- A one-year certified membership as a SAFe Advanced Scrum Master
- A SAFe Advanced Scrum Master branding kit with the SASM certification mark
- SAFe 4 Advanced Scrum Master digital badge to promote your accomplishment online

## Annual Renewal

Membership renewals are one year from the date certification is earned.

- Renewal fee: \$100

## Exam Details

- **Exam Name:** SAFe® 4 Advanced Scrum Master Exam
- **Exam Format:** Multiple Choice; Multiple Select
- **Exam Delivery:** Web-based (single-browser), closed book, no outside assistance, timed

- **Exam Access:** Candidates can access the exam within the SAFe Community Platform upon completion of the SAFe 4 Advanced Scrum Master course
- **Exam cost:** First exam attempt is included as part of the course registration fee if the exam is taken within 30 days of course completion. Each retake attempt costs \$50.
- **Exam Duration:** Once the exam begins candidates have 120 minutes to complete the exam
- **Number of Questions:** 60
- **Passing Score:** 42 out of 60 (70%)
- **Language:** English
- **Retake policy:** Second attempt on exam (first retake) can be done immediately after first attempt. Third attempt requires a 10-day wait. Fourth attempt requires a 30-day wait.

## Recommended Class Size

Recommended minimum class size for this course is 12 students. Maximum class size is 24 students.

## Professional Development Units (PDUs) and Scrum Education Units (SEUs)

- Attendees may be eligible to apply for 15 PDUs toward their continuing education requirements with the Project Management Institute (PMI) for PMP, PgMP, and PMI-ACP certifications
- Attendees may be eligible to apply for SEUs under Category C, toward earning or renewing their CSP through Scrum Alliance

Activity Number	7ZASMZ	Duration		2 days	
		Technical	Leadership	Strategic	Total
PMP®	12	2.25	0.75	15	
PgMP®	12	2.25	0.75	15	
PMI_RMP®	0	2.25	0.75	3	
PMI_SP®	0	2.25	0.75	3	
PMI_ACP®	12	2.25	0.75	15	
PfMP®	0	2.25	0.75	3	
PMI_PBA <sup>sm</sup>	0	2.25	0.75	3	