

Initial Essence Training Certification Process

Background

The SEMAT community is currently actively discussing the long range path to gaining wide acceptance and usage of Essence. Training and Certification is a critical part of this discussion. Related topics currently under discussion include certifying practitioners, certifying trainers, and certifying training courses.

These subjects are all critically important and will take time to evolve. However, we do not want to allow this evolution to hinder early opportunities to spread the knowledge of Essence. With this in mind we are establishing an Essence Training Certification Process as described below.

Criteria to become an authorized Essence training institution

The minimum criteria required to become an authorized Essence training institution includes:

1. Run a credible training business with a portfolio of regularly delivered/marketted courses. A curriculum is requested.
2. Present the evidence of being a provider of Essence based training for one course: syllabus (objective, target audience, course outline, table of content, length of course), relation to the Essence standard and at the request from the executive committee samples of the teaching material.
3. Is approved by a minimum of 2/3 of the vote cast by a majority of the SEMAT Executive Committee members.

Guidelines to be applied by Executive committee in approving candidate training institutions

The guidelines that will be used by the Executive committee in approving candidate training institutions are as follows:

- Proposed training is based on the current release of the OMG Essence Specification
- Proposed training can focus on any subset of the OMG Essence Specification, such as Essence basic foundation material, or more advanced features if desired
- Training provider is allowed to add additional material beyond the specification as long as the material does not conflict with anything within the OMG Essence Specification, and is not conflicting with any current user guidance being provided by the SEMAT Executive Committee.

How to submit requests for approved training institution authorization

Any organization desiring to apply for approval as a SEMAT recognized Essence training provider in accordance with this process should send their application to June Park (june.park.sangju@gmail.com), and/or Paul E. McMahon (pemcmahon1@gmail.com) along with their supporting evidence for their qualifications in accordance with this process. The supporting evidence will be used by the Executive committee in applying the guidelines provided above.

How the training institution is recognized as being authorized

Once authorized the authorized training institution will get a letter with the SEMAT logotype saying: "The executive committee of SEMAT has authorized XYZ to provide training and certification on Essence and other SEMAT publications", signed by June Park on behalf of the executive committee.

Termination

If for some reason the institution has given false information or if the guidelines are not followed, then the authorization will be terminated with three months notice.