The Praxis Framework Certification - Equivalent to Three Alternative Courses

You would need to take at least three separate project and programme management certifications to reach the breadth of guidance provided by the Praxis Framework. The content of other certifications overlap - forcing you to study duplicated themes and conflicting terminologies if you want a complete and rounded view of the discipline. Being comprehensive, Praxis removes repetition by covering all of the key areas – combining the value of three introductory certifications into one.

Example of how the Praxis Framework Certification strips out duplication:

- If you chose to become a certified PRINCE2® and MSP® practitioner, both have similar process models but use different terminology, so you would learn what is essentially duplicate information. With the Praxis Framework certifications, you learn about process models once.
- Taking risk management as an example theme, it is covered by many introductory courses such as PRINCE2, MSP and APM's PFQ. The fundamental nature of managing risk does not vary between projects and programmes, therefore the Praxis Framework Certification covers risk once and explains how it is applied in different contexts. The same may be said of themes such as business case, organisation, planning and control.
- Documents specified in PRINCE2 and MSP are also very similar. When defining the content of a business case or stakeholder management plan or strategy, the basic structure is no different in a project than in a programme. Therefore, the Praxis Framework Certifications remove duplicate documentation definitions.

By stripping out the duplication, the Praxis Framework Courses can offer training on all key aspects of project and programme management for a fraction of the cost. If you require additional information, see the below table.

How is the Praxis Framework Certification equivalent to three other introductory courses?

Topic	PRINCE2®	MSP®	APM PFQ	Praxis Framework™
Course introduction:				One introductory session, not three.
Context & overview:				One overview, not three.
Integrative management				
Organisation management:	Includes all the major project roles.	Includes major programme roles and a small element of leadership.	Covers management structures and responsibilities of all key project management roles.	Discusses sponsorship and management independently of whether they are applied at project or programme level. Significant overlaps are eliminated.

Stakeholder management:	Minimal coverage.	Significant coverage of stakeholder management.	Covered briefly as part of planning.	Only one stakeholder session is required instead of two. Covered in similar depth to MSP.
Business case:	Includes coverage of the Business Case.	Includes coverage of the Business Case.	Covered briefly as part of planning.	Only one business case session is required instead of two.
Planning:	Covers the contents of the Plans theme.	Covers the planning elements of the planning and control theme.	The PFQ syllabus summarises a number of areas under planning including stakeholder management, business case, planning and control.	Only one planning session is required instead of three. In Praxis, this session covers management planning, delivery planning and quality planning.
Control:	Covers the elements of the progress theme.	Covers the planning elements of the planning and control theme.	Covered briefly as part of planning.	Covers quality control. Only one control session required instead of two.
Information management:	Not covered.	Not covered.	Not covered.	Light coverage.
Assurance:	Covered in the quality theme section.	Covered extensively in the quality and assurance management section.	Covered in quality management including reviews and audits.	This covers quality assurance. Only one control session required instead of three.
Managing scope:	Some elements in the Quality theme, some in the Planning theme and some in the Change theme.	Covered primarily in themes such as Blueprint and Benefits management.	Requires an understanding of breakdown structures, change control and configuration management.	One integrated scope session required instead of three.
Manage schedule:	Minimal coverage.	Minimal coverage.	Covers time scheduling, resource scheduling and a significant range of techniques.	The Praxis Framework requires PPMs to understand the basics of scheduling.
Manage finance:	Minimal coverage.	Minimal coverage.	Not covered.	Praxis requires PPMs to understand the basics of finance including the financial aspects of a business case.

Manage risk:	Requires an understanding of procedure and documentation.	Requires an understanding of procedure and documentation.	Requires a basic understanding of risk terminology and documents.	The risk management procedures in all four guides are the same. One Praxis session is equivalent to three combined sessions.
Manage change:	Not covered.	Some coverage as part of the Benefits management theme.	Not covered.	Praxis requires PPMs to understand the Basics of managing organisational change.
Manage resources:	Minimal references.	Minimal references.	Minimal procurement covered in the scheduling section of the syllabus.	Praxis requires PPMs to understand the basics of obtaining and managing internal and external resources.
Procedures:	A significant part of the course is focused on the process model.	A significant part of the course is focused on the process model.	Requires an understanding of the life cycle phases that underpin a process model.	One set of process sessions covers the same ground as a set from PRINCE2, a set from MSP and a short session in the PFQ. The Praxis process model is designed to cover both projects and programmes.
Interpersonal skills:	Minimal coverage but with some references to communication.	Minimal coverage but with some references to communication and leadership.	Requires an understanding of communication, leadership and teamwork including models "such as" Belbin and Margerison-McCann.	The Praxis syllabus uses the elimination of overlap to introduce a wider range of interpersonal skills. Praxis includes topics such as influencing and conflict management that are omitted from the other syllabi.
Exam:	One exam.	One exam.	One exam.	Only one exam preparation session & exam needed.