

# THE VIRTUAL 53rd Annual Administrative Professionals Course- LIVE ON ZOOM



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A POWERFUL 3-DAY  
VIRTUAL SEMINAR

FEBRUARY 9 - 11, 2026

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HELP YOU MAXIMIZE  
YOUR POTENTIAL

North America's **Premier Training Event** for Administrative Professionals

# THE DOUGLAS DIFFERENCE



We are committed to providing you with the best training available. For over 50 years, our flagship seminar, The Annual APC Certification Administrative Professionals Course, has been recognized as the gold standard in administrative professional education for the following reasons:

## 1. The Most Comprehensive and Longest Running Administrative Professionals Program

Since day one, we have worked closely with HR departments, managers, and administrative professionals themselves to ensure that our courses meet the rigorous needs of our participants. It is from our experience over the last five decades that we have meticulously crafted our programs. The praise this course consistently receives reflects our persistent research and subsequent revision, ensuring this seminar is at the cutting edge.

## 2. Why the Virtual Edition of the Annual Administrative Professionals Seminar?

With the cost of travel and accommodation today combined with an increase in the number of individuals now working from home, we have received many requests to provide our clients with a high quality fully interactive and participatory training option.

## And you'll be in good company...

Here are some of the more than twenty-thousand organizations that have sponsored participants at our public seminars:



## Founder & President

Dr. Paul A. Douglas



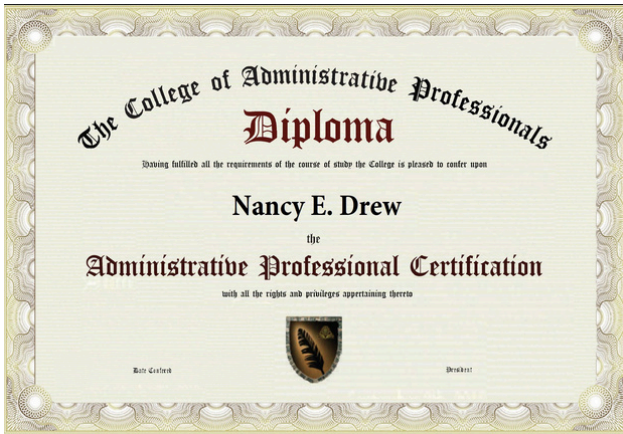
Leader of our faculty and author of this course, Paul A. Douglas, an internationally acclaimed speaker and consultant to scores of major corporations, universities and governments. Dr. Douglas' primary expertise is leadership, influence and critical thinking. Paul has dedicated his life and career to the educational and developmental needs of the administrative professional. He has written over a dozen books, including *The Influential Assistant* and *Critical Thinking and Decision-Making for Administrative Professionals*. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Alberta, where he taught in the Faculty of Business. He also has a doctorate (Ph.D.) in business administration, with a specialty in organizational theory and behavior. He is also a Certified Management Consultant (CMC). Most importantly, the insights and practical techniques he presents come from the real world. Immediately you will feel at ease with Paul; he communicates with wit, warmth and enthusiasm

To view our entire faculty, please visit [www.padouglas.com](http://www.padouglas.com)

# COURSE SCHEDULE

The Virtual Course will be offered over three consecutive days with daily meeting running five hours with normal breaks. To suit everyone's schedule the virtual course will be held multiple times each year

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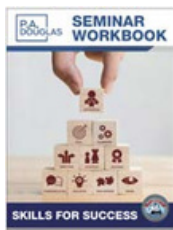


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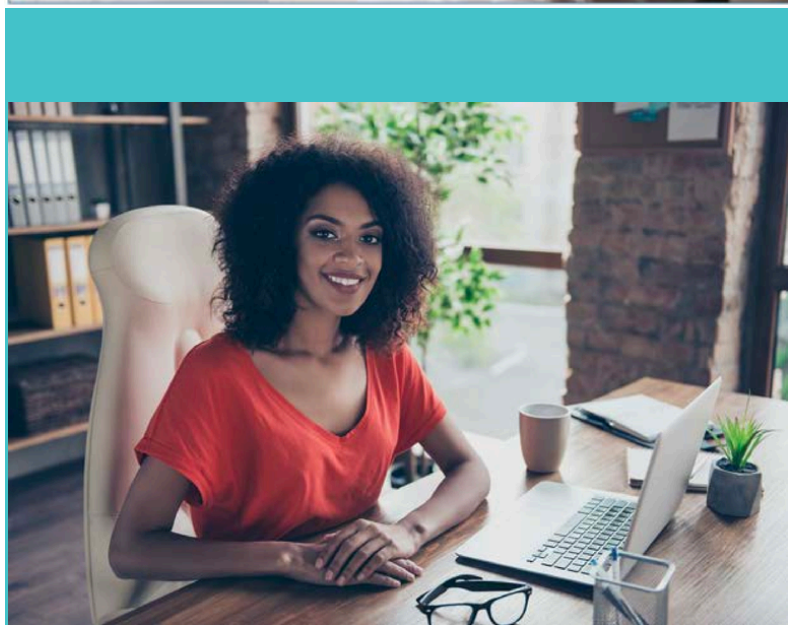
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10:30 AM - 3:30 PM Central  
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Mountain  
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM Pacific

## Comprehensive Courseware Package

You will receive all the course materials in advance and will also receive your Certificate of Achievement, APC Certification



ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION



# Proven and Effective

For more than half a century, P.A. Douglas has set the gold standard for excellence in AA and EA training. Recognized as the leader in professional development, it is where administrative professionals come to learn, network, and engage with leaders in the field. No other program or event provides the high quality, all inclusive package as does the Annual Administrative Professionals Course.

## WHEN

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## Who We Are



“Since 1975, it has been our mission to provide the highest quality training available to administrative professionals in a relaxed, comfortable environment highly amenable to learning and change. In 2025, we continue this tradition with programs that are both memorable and enjoyable.”



# EARN YOUR APC DESIGNATION



ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Graduates of this program satisfy the course requirements for the Administrative Professional Certification (APC) offered by the College of Administrative Professionals. Earning your APC designation reflects your educational achievement and it demonstrates to employers, co-workers and clients the investment you have made in professional development as well as your commitment to your organization.



YOUR ORGANIZATION

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# COURSE FRAMEWORK

## MANAGING SELF

Success and satisfaction in your present and future responsibilities are dependent on a number of self-management skills. By improving your abilities at strategic execution – managing projects, priorities and deadlines, while deflecting job-related stress, improving your emotional intelligence and developing your memory and concentration, you will gain a deeper sense of accomplishment and fulfillment. At the 50th Annual Administrative Professionals Course: The Influential Assistant, you will learn how to:

- Manage multiple objectives, projects and conflicting priorities
- Learn to handle the three types of events that erode your effectiveness – the unimportant task, the unanticipated task and other people's priorities
- Develop greater self-awareness: Your style - strengths and weaknesses
- Identify and overcome irrational beliefs that might be holding you back
- Develop strategies for preventing, reducing, and managing stress
- Develop easy-to-implement proactive strategies to better predict, plan, and prepare for the future and avoid the problems along the way
- Increase your long-term professional value with NEW skills, tools and strategies

## STEPPING UP TO LEADERSHIP

From Administrative Assistant to Administrative Professional. While some of the "old guard" believes that the 90's name change from secretary to administrative assistant to administrative professional is just another example of political correctness, it in fact represents a true paradigm shift. Many of the functions and responsibilities of management have fallen on the shoulders of administrative professionals as organizations have downsized over the past decade. In this important session, we will discuss this new reality and develop those crucial management tools needed to take you to a higher level of proficiency. You will learn how to:

- Make the vital transition from administrative assistant to administrative professional
- Understand your changing role and your manager's expectations
- Increase your credibility as your boss's representative
- Learn to apply the 9-step coaching model with juniors
- Position yourself for greater responsibility
- Recognize and complement your boss's unique management style
- Adopt new planning skills for anticipating and proactively supporting your boss

## STRATEGIC EXECUTION: GAINING NEW CONTROL OVER YOUR TIME – AND THOSE WHO ABUSE IT

Every day, you're judged by your ability to manage projects, priorities and deadlines. At this essential session, you will develop the understanding, skills, and confidence to put your personal and organizational strategies into action. You will learn how to identify and deal effectively with the unanticipated task, the unimportant task and other people's priorities; specifically, you will learn to:

- Pinpoint where you need to take action
- Identify the deadliest traps busy administrative professionals fall into and how you avoid them
- Recognize and manage your tendency toward perfectionism
- Focus your efforts on what is most important based on your role and responsibilities
- Avoid the trap of using urgency as the tie-breaker between competing priorities
- Learn best practices for effectively prioritizing your time and activities
- The Pareto Principle
- Preserving your "Prime Time"
- Identify five new ways to handle interruptions
- Avoid the manipulative time-tactics of others
- Enhance your ability to act more proactively
- Action Plan: Developing a NEW success blueprint

## WORKING WITH OTHERS

The most frustrating limitations placed upon you as an administrative professional have little to do with your technical abilities; rather the most trying aspects of your work often involves dealing with people. To be truly effective in working with others, you must perfect your ability to:

- Enhance your BEHAVIORAL FLUENCY: how this can vastly improve the quality of your communication in both your professional and your personal life
- Deal more successfully with difficult co-workers and others who create stress
- CREATING INFLUENCE: Getting greater results with people - when you are not in charge
- Become a true partner with your manager
- Identify your workplace's emotional culture
- Analyze your emotional intelligence strengths and weaknesses and develop specific strategies for enhancing your EQ
- Discover your unique behavioral style
- Cope with different and sometimes difficult people
- Achieve greater team synergy and effectiveness
- Understand the laws of influence - effectively persuading others

## MANAGING STRESS AND EMOTIONS IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Stress has been called the "disease of the twenty-first century." Unquestionably, the next decade will bring with it continued change and increased challenges for those in a professional role. The pressure of doing more with fewer resources and tighter timelines will only intensify. The critical difference between positive and negative stress lies in the way we perceive and deal with each stressful situation – in short, the way we cope! At this important session you will come to recognize the sources, symptoms and effects of stress and will develop strategies for effectively preventing, reducing, and managing stress. Specifically, how to:

- Recognize your stress symptoms and create strategies to reduce them
- Gain an understanding of what truly causes your stress
- Identify the role and impact of change
- Learn to turn stress into personal energy
- How to recognize and deal with "Type A" behaviour
- Role-Stress: Understanding the personal/professional dichotomy
- Examining your conflict management style
- Identifying unfounded attitudes and irrational beliefs that increase stress
- Five common manifestations of low self-esteem and its effects on work
- Why successful and capable professionals struggle with low self-esteem
- Ten proven ways to enhance self-esteem
- Relaxation and meditation techniques that really work
- How to evoke the relaxation response

## ESSENTIAL MEMORY SKILLS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS

To master your memory is to invite success in business, in education and in your relationships. A trained memory is an absolute necessity for today's administrative professional. In your business or professional life as well as in your social life, the ability to remember names and faces, verbal instructions, and numerical data is of immeasurable importance. At this remarkable session, you will learn how to:

- Remember numerical information without time-consuming repetition
- Forget your daily planner – File your weekly appointments in your mind
- Develop laser-like focus and concentration
- Painlessly remember information
- Remember anniversaries and historical dates with ease
- Make a more powerful impression at meetings and presentations
- Razor-sharpen your business edge: remembering verbal instructions with ease
- Remember the names of hundreds of associates, clients and acquaintances.
- Enhance your image as a professional

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# COURSE FRAMEWORK



## **INFLUENCE: GETTING RESULTS WITH PEOPLE WHEN YOU ARE NOT IN CHARGE**

Whether you're interacting with colleagues, subordinates or management, gaining respect and cultivating influence are absolutely essential to your success and effectiveness as an administrative professional. In this important segment, you'll focus on the key elements of influencing others and improving workplace relationships, specifically you'll learn to:

- Foster collaboration and influence outcomes •Increase your ability to exert influence without authority
- Understand the person you are hoping to influence
- Establish instant trust and rapport with others
- Analyze your personal Behavioral Styles Profile
- Adapt your behavioral style to the person you are dealing with
- Understand the role behavioral patterns play in influencing others
- Recognize the major behavioral patterns that exist in organizations
- Cope with different and sometimes difficult people
- Develop influence strategies for turning resistance into agreement
- Develop the five communication techniques of all successful administrative professionals
- Learn relationship strategies that lead to recognition and advancement
- Adapt your individual style to those with differing styles
- Get greater results from 'hard to handle' staff
- Handle 'super-agreeables' and those who just tell you what you want to hear
- Cope with 'clams', 'complainers' and 'tanks'
- Learn to work through conflict situations

*Absolutely one of the best facilitators. Very engaged and made the course fun. I learned alot from this course. Thank you for the wonderful experience.*

**Deborah Sanford**

**-American Red Cross**



*The seminar was great. Information presented was powerful, relevant and very useful in the workplace and life.*

**Katherine Kiers**

**- Haldimand County**

### REGISTER NOW



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## COURSE FEE

No other virtual program or event provides the high quality, content and materials package as does the virtual edition of the 53rd Annual Administrative Professionals Course.

### The Course Fee Includes:

- Your registration fee and tuition
- Comprehensive courseware package
- Your A.P.C. professional designation

### VIRTUAL PROGRAM PACKAGE



**\$1295.00**

## HOW YOU WILL BENEFIT

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