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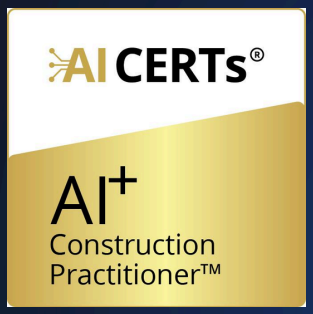
AI + Construction Practitioner (1 Day)

Program Detailed Curriculum



Executive Summary

The AI+ Construction Practitioner™ certification is designed to equip professionals with the knowledge and skills to integrate artificial intelligence into construction processes. This certification focuses on the practical application of AI in construction management, project planning, and construction technology. It covers AI tools, automation, data analysis, and machine learning techniques tailored to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and improve decision-making within the construction industry. Earning this certification demonstrates a commitment to leveraging AI innovations, positioning individuals as leaders in the evolving construction sector, and preparing them to drive transformation in construction operations.

Prerequisites :

- **Basic Construction Knowledge:** Understanding of construction processes and terminology.
- **Familiarity with AI Concepts:** Basic knowledge of AI and machine learning principles.
- **Data Analysis Skills:** Ability to interpret and manipulate construction data.
- **Tech-Savvy:** Comfortable with using construction software and tools.
- **Problem-Solving Mindset:** Critical thinking for real-world construction challenges.

Module 1

Foundations of AI & Microsoft 365 Copilot in HR

1.1 Artificial Intelligence – Foundations for Construction Professionals

- **Definition of AI:** Artificial Intelligence refers to systems simulating human intelligence to perform tasks like learning, reasoning, and decision-making. Includes examples from construction workflows and a mini case reflection on safety checklist automation using AI tools.
- **Evolution of AI:** Covers AI progression from rule-based systems to advanced predictive models. Includes construction-focused evolution examples and a brief case insight on AI-driven scheduling improvements across modern project lifecycles.
- **Everyday AI applications:** Explores tools like ChatGPT, Google Maps, and Copilot applied in construction. Includes hands-on activity generating safety checklist and cost summary, plus real-world case mapping daily AI tools to site operations.

1.2 Core AI Concepts

- **Machine Learning:** Explains ML concepts like pattern recognition and prediction using construction data. Includes case example on material demand forecasting and a hands-on conceptual walkthrough of ML workflow in project planning.
- **Neural Networks:** Introduces neural networks for handling complex construction risks. Includes case-based explanation of risk prediction and practical interpretation exercise analyzing multi-variable construction scenarios using layered decision logic.
- **Natural Language Processing (NLP):** Covers NLP applications in RFIs, BOQs, and reports. Includes case example on automated document handling and a hands-on exercise to generate structured construction communication using AI tools.
- **Computer Vision:** Explains AI-based image analysis for safety monitoring and tracking. Includes case example of PPE detection and a hands-on simulation walkthrough of identifying hazards using visual data insights.

1.3 AI in Daily Life & Across Industries

- **Everyday Use Cases:** Explores AI tools like voice assistants, chatbots, and smart search in construction. Includes case-based scenarios and a hands-on conceptual activity mapping these tools to real-time site workflows.
- **Industry Use Cases:** Highlights AI applications across healthcare, logistics, and construction. Includes detailed case examples like safety monitoring and route optimization, reinforcing cross-industry learning for construction professionals

1.4 Ethical & Responsible AI in Construction

- **Fairness & Bias Awareness:** Explains bias in AI decision-making with construction-specific examples. Includes case scenario on misinterpreted worker behavior and a reflective activity identifying fairness issues in AI-based safety systems.
- **Privacy Protection:** Covers responsible data handling in AI-enabled construction environments. Includes case examples of CCTV monitoring and a hands-on discussion activity designing privacy-safe AI monitoring strategies.
- **Human-in-the-loop:** Emphasizes human oversight in AI decisions. Includes case example of engineer validation of AI alerts and a practical activity evaluating AI outputs with contextual construction judgment.
- **Transparency:** Explains importance of explainable AI in construction workflows. Includes case insights on trust-building and a reflective hands-on exercise analyzing AI decision clarity and reliability

1.5 Case Study

- Comprehensive case covering AI-driven safety, documentation, design, and planning. Learners analyze challenges, solutions, and outcomes, connecting theoretical AI concepts to real-world construction transformation scenarios.

1.6 Hands – on Simulation Activity

- Practical simulation covering AI-driven workflows like safety tracking, cost estimation, and document management. Step-by-step guided activity enables learners to apply AI concepts in a real-world construction project environment.

Module 2

Foundations of AI in Construction

2.1 The Rise of AI in Construction

- **How construction evolved from paper-based records to digital and AI-powered systems:** Explores transition from manual documentation to AI-enabled systems improving efficiency, safety, and planning. Includes case reflection on digital scheduling transformation and a hands-on mapping activity comparing traditional versus AI-driven workflows.
- **Real-world AI use cases:** Covers AI scheduling, automated inspections, documentation, and predictive resource management. Includes detailed case examples and a hands-on exercise where learners map use cases to construction scenarios and identify benefits across workflows.

2.2 The AI Ecosystem in Construction

- **How AI connects with existing digital systems:** Explains AI integration with BIM, ERP, IoT, and Digital Twins. Includes case-based insights on workflow optimization and a hands-on conceptual activity mapping data flow from systems into AI-driven decision-making processes.
- **Role of drones, CCTV, and sensor networks in generating real-time site data for AI models:** Explores how drones, CCTV, and sensors generate real-time data for AI. Includes case scenarios on safety monitoring and a hands-on activity identifying data sources and their role in AI model accuracy.

2.3 Challenges in AI Adoption

- Explores key challenges including data fragmentation, workforce readiness, legacy systems, and infrastructure limitations. Discusses impact on AI performance, integration complexity, and emphasizes need for upskilling, governance, and digital transformation strategies.

2.4 Case Study

- Detailed case of Smart Build Infra implementing AI-based predictive scheduling. Learners analyze problem, solution, and outcomes, connecting AI concepts to improved timelines, resource optimization, and enhanced coordination.

2.5 Hands – on Simulation Activity

- Practical simulation using Buildern platform covering scheduling, documentation, resource tracking, and progress monitoring. Learners perform guided tasks to understand AI-ready workflows and analyze how structured data enables automation and forecasting.

Module 3

Generative Design & AI-Driven Planning

3.1 Generative Design Concepts

- **Role of BIM in modern construction:** Explains BIM as a centralized digital representation of construction projects enabling collaboration and visualization. Includes case example of coordinated design workflows and a hands-on conceptual activity mapping BIM components to project lifecycle stages.
- **How AI enhances BIM through predictive insights and automation:** Covers AI integration with BIM for clash detection, scheduling, and cost optimization. Includes case study insights on automated coordination and a hands-on exercise identifying AI-driven improvements in BIM-based workflows.

3.2 AI for Sustainable Construction

- **Forecasting project risks and delays using AI:** Explores predictive analytics for identifying delays, risks, and inefficiencies. Includes case example on delay prediction and a hands-on activity analyzing sample project data to identify potential risk indicators.
- **Data-driven decision-making in construction planning:** Highlights how AI enables informed decisions using historical and real-time data. Includes case insights on improved planning accuracy and a hands-on exercise mapping decisions to data-driven construction scenarios.

3.3 Scheduling & Cost Estimation with AI

- **AI-assisted design optimization techniques:** Explains generative design for creating optimized building layouts based on constraints. Includes case example of space optimization and a hands-on conceptual activity exploring design variations using AI-assisted inputs.
- **Case examples of generative design improving efficiency and sustainability:** Covers real-world applications of generative design enhancing cost efficiency and sustainability. Includes case comparisons and a hands-on evaluation activity assessing multiple AI-generated design alternatives.

3.4 Case Study: EcoConstruct Ltd.

- Analyzes AI-driven generative design adoption producing 40+ optimized layouts, reducing design time by 35%, minimizing rework, accelerating approvals, and improving client satisfaction through data-driven, sustainable design decisions.

3.5 Hands – on Simulation Activity

- Participants perform hands-on generative design using Autodesk Fusion 360 by defining constraints, running simulations, comparing AI-generated layouts, and selecting optimal designs based on cost, performance, and sustainability metrics

Module 4

Predictive Maintenance & Smart Asset Management

4.1 Equipment Health Monitoring Using AI

- **How AI Analyses Sensor Data from Machinery (Vibration, Temperature, Fuel Use):** AI collects and processes data from various machinery sensors. It analyzes vibration, temperature, and fuel usage patterns, detecting anomalies that suggest mechanical issues. This early detection improves operational efficiency and helps schedule timely maintenance.
- **Early Detection of: Motor Overheating, Abnormal Vibrations, Hydraulic Pressure Drops, Excessive Idle Time:** AI identifies early-stage problems like motor overheating and abnormal vibrations by continuously monitoring sensor data. By detecting these issues early, it reduces the risk of major breakdowns and helps maintain equipment performance and uptime.
- **Benefits: Fewer Breakdowns, Better Planning, Reduced Operational Risk:**
  AI-driven equipment health monitoring minimizes unexpected breakdowns, optimizes maintenance schedules, and reduces operational risks by providing actionable insights into machine performance, leading to increased productivity and smoother operations on-site.

4.2 Data Analytics for Asset Management

- **Using AI Dashboards to Track Equipment Location and Utilization, Identify Underused or Overused Assets, Forecast Upcoming Maintenance Events:** AI-powered dashboards provide real-time insights into equipment location and usage. By analyzing usage trends, AI helps identify underused or overused assets and forecasts when maintenance will be needed, supporting better asset management.
- **Optimizing Maintenance Cycles: From Reactive → Preventive → Predictive:** AI helps shift from reactive to predictive maintenance by analyzing sensor data over time. It identifies wear patterns and predicts potential failures, enabling maintenance teams to take proactive actions, improving equipment reliability.
- **Real-life Examples:** Case studies like excavator engine-hour predictions and concrete mixer drum rotation health tracking showcase AI in action, demonstrating how AI improves asset planning, reduces maintenance costs, and extends equipment lifespans.

4.3 Computer Vision for Site Safety

- **AI-powered CCTV Systems that Detect: PPE Compliance (Helmet, Vest, Goggles), Unsafe Acts (Working Near Edges, Risky Machine Zones), Unauthorized Entry into Restricted Zones:** AI-powered CCTV systems monitor construction sites for safety by detecting PPE compliance, unsafe behavior, and unauthorized entries. This improves safety oversight, ensuring timely responses to safety risks and preventing potential accidents.
- **Alerts and Reports Generated Automatically for Supervisors:** AI automatically generates alerts and reports for supervisors, allowing for swift action when safety issues are detected. This automated process enhances safety management by providing real-time insights and reducing the need for manual supervision.

4.4 Case Study: Build Sure Projects

- This case study explores how Build Sure Projects, a construction company, adopted AI-powered predictive maintenance to reduce equipment downtime, enhance planning accuracy, and lower operational costs. By integrating AI into their fleet management, the company achieved significant improvements in asset performance and cost savings

4.5 Hands – on Simulation Activity

- A hands-on learning activity using IBM Maximo simulation, enabling learners to apply AI-driven predictive maintenance techniques, analyze sensor data, and understand asset health, maintenance forecasting, and performance optimization in construction.

Module 5

AI Agents for Construction Management

5.1 Introduction to AI Agents

- **What AI Agents Are?:** AI agents in construction are autonomous systems that process data from various inputs like sensors, voice, or text. They automate tasks, optimize scheduling, and support decision-making to enhance project efficiency.
- **How Do They Work?:** AI agents operate by collecting data, analyzing it, and taking actions such as generating reports, sending alerts, or scheduling tasks. They continuously adapt through learning, improving decision-making and reducing human error.
- **Examples of Repetitive Tasks Agents Can Automate:** AI agents automate tasks like daily progress logs, material requests, safety observations, and task assignments. This reduces manual intervention, ensures consistency, and speeds up operations, allowing teams to focus on high-value activities..

5.2 Site Management Agents

- **Practical Use Cases of AI Agents at Construction Sites:** AI agents automate daily tasks like progress reporting, inspection checklist completion, and task updates. They improve efficiency, reduce errors, and support faster decision-making, enabling construction teams to manage operations smoothly.
- **Benefits: Reduced Manual Reporting Effort, Improved Accuracy, and Faster Decision-Making:** AI agents streamline construction site management by automating routine tasks, reducing human error, improving the accuracy of reports, and enabling quicker decision-making, leading to enhanced productivity and smoother project execution.

5.3 Safety & Compliance Agents

- **How Chat-Based or Voice-Enabled Agents Support Safety Operations:** AI agents enable hands-free reporting and safety checks through voice or chat. They monitor PPE compliance, report hazards, and send real-time safety reminders, improving overall safety management and reducing paperwork.
- **Supports Supervisors by Reducing Paperwork and Ensuring Faster Corrective Actions:** AI safety agents automate data collection, compliance documentation, and hazard reporting, reducing the administrative burden on supervisors. This enables faster corrective actions and enhances site safety and compliance.

5.4 Case Study: Metro Link Builders

- Metro Link Builders implemented AI agents to automate reporting, issue tracking, and material requests. This AI-driven solution improved communication, reduced delays by 40%, and enhanced the accuracy of documentation across teams.

5.5 Hands – on Simulation Activity

- A hands-on learning exercise using the Fieldwire platform to explore AI-driven task automation, communication, and site coordination, demonstrating real-time task management, daily reporting, and safety monitoring through AI agents.

Module 6

AI in Project Analytics & Risk Forecasting

6.1 AI for Cost and Delay Prediction

- **AI Analyzing Historical Project Data to Identify Early Warning Signs of Cost Overruns, Predict Potential Schedule Delays, Flag High-Risk Activities:** AI analyzes past project data to spot early signs of cost overruns and delays. It flags high-risk activities by detecting patterns, enabling proactive planning and timely adjustments to avoid potential project setbacks.
- **AI Using Past Project Data to Identify Early Signs of Cost Overruns in Construction Projects:** AI identifies early warning signs of cost overruns by analyzing historical data. It predicts potential issues like delays or budget problems, helping project managers adjust plans before risks escalate, improving budget control.
- **AI Predicting Schedule Delays by Comparing Planned and Actual Project Performance:** AI compares planned project timelines with real-time data, detecting discrepancies. By forecasting delays early, AI allows project managers to adjust schedules and resources, minimizing the impact of unforeseen delays on the overall timeline.
- **AI's Effectiveness in Flagging High-Risk Construction Activities Before Issues Escalate:** AI flags high-risk activities by continuously monitoring data from construction sites. It identifies potential hazards and inefficiencies early, allowing teams to address issues before they lead to costly delays or safety concerns.

6.2 Risk Management using AI

- **AI Helps Teams Understand "What Might Go Wrong Next?":** AI predicts potential risks like material shortages or labor disruptions by analyzing patterns. It enables teams to prepare for these challenges before they arise, supporting proactive decision-making and reducing project uncertainties.
- **Practical AI-Driven Risk Insights:** AI provides real-time risk insights by analyzing historical and current project data. It helps forecast disruptions, identify material shortages, or predict labor shortfalls, allowing teams to adjust strategies and ensure smoother project execution.
- **Importance of Scenario Modelling ("What-If" Analysis):** Scenario modelling helps project teams simulate potential disruptions, like labor shortages or material price increases. By testing "what-if" scenarios, AI enables teams to proactively plan for uncertainty, improving decision-making and project control.

6.3 Data Visualization and Reporting

- **AI Enhancing Dashboards in Tools Like Power BI or Excel:** AI enhances Power BI and Excel dashboards by automating trend analysis, anomaly detection, and creating visual summaries. These AI-powered insights help project teams monitor performance, manage risks, and make timely decisions with ease.
- **AI Enhancing Dashboards by Automatically Identifying Trends and Anomalies:** AI improves dashboards by identifying trends and flagging anomalies. It helps project teams quickly spot deviations from plan, such as cost overruns or delays, enabling faster, data-driven decisions to keep projects on track.
- **AI-Generated Summaries Assisting Project Managers to Understand Data Faster:** AI generates concise, clear summaries from complex project data. These summaries highlight key insights, such as risks or delays, allowing project managers to quickly grasp critical information and take timely, informed actions.

6.4 Case Study: Skyline Infra

- Skyline Infra used AI-driven forecasting and risk alert systems to improve project tracking and detect deviations early. This resulted in improved budget accuracy, reduced cost overruns, and a more proactive approach to project management.

6.5 Hands – on Simulation Activity

- A practical exercise using Power BI to explore AI-driven project analytics and risk forecasting, enabling participants to analyze project data, forecast risks, and create visual dashboards for informed decision-making.

Module 7

Responsible & Ethical AI in Construction

7.1 Principles of Responsible AI

- **Core Principles Explained in Simple, Real-World Terms:** Responsible AI principles in construction emphasize fairness, transparency, privacy, and accountability. These principles ensure AI supports decision-making, is understandable, protects workers' data, and holds humans accountable for final decisions.

7.2 Compliance and Data Protection

- **Overview of Major Standards, Simplified for Construction:** The module covers key AI standards such as the EU AI Act and NIST AI Risk Management Framework. It simplifies these regulations to help construction companies navigate compliance in AI use, particularly for drones and IoT sensors.
- **How Construction Companies Can Stay Compliant When Using Drones, Cameras, and IoT Sensors:** Construction companies must follow privacy regulations like GDPR. They should ensure transparency, obtain consent for data collection, and implement secure practices to protect worker data when using technologies like drones, cameras, and sensors.

7.3 Human Oversight and Bias Prevention

- **Role of Humans in Reviewing AI Outputs Before Decisions:** Humans validate AI outputs to prevent errors, ensure fairness, and consider site-specific context. This oversight is essential in construction to verify AI predictions, particularly in safety, scheduling, and procurement decisions.
- **Identifying Bias Examples:** Bias in AI can arise from narrow training data or assumptions. In construction, this can result in unfair evaluations, like misinterpreting worker productivity or PPE compliance. Identifying such biases ensures fairer outcomes.
- **Creating Review Loops to Prevent False Alarms or Incorrect Predictions:** Review loops involve human experts regularly checking AI outputs for accuracy. This process reduces false alarms, improves the quality of predictions, and ensures safety-critical decisions in construction are made with human oversight.

7.4 Case Study: Safe Build Pvt. Ltd.

- Safe Build Pvt. Ltd. used AI for site safety but faced overwhelming false alerts. Human review checkpoints were added to validate AI-generated alerts, reducing false alarms by 50% and improving trust in the system.

7.5 Interactive Activity

- In this hands-on activity, learners identify biased, unethical, or unsafe AI outputs in construction scenarios and rewrite them to ensure ethical AI practices, focusing on fairness, safety, and compliance.

7.6 Hands – on Simulation Activity

- A hands-on simulation where participants analyze AI-generated safety alerts and project insights, identifying biases, ensuring fairness, and applying human oversight to ensure ethical decision-making and compliance in construction projects

Module 8

Capstone Project — AI-Enabled Smart Construction

8.1 Project Definition

- **Selecting a Problem: Site Safety, Cost Forecasting, and Workflow Automation:** Students choose a problem related to construction, such as site safety, cost forecasting, or workflow automation, and explore relevant challenges and key performance indicators (KPIs) to define the project's scope.
- **Construction Scenario and Challenges:** This section outlines the challenges construction sites face, such as hazardous environments, manual monitoring limitations, and dynamic conditions. It highlights the need for automated systems to enhance safety and operational efficiency.
- **Available Real-Time Dataset:** The project uses a construction PPE dataset with annotated images of workers and their PPE, including helmets and vests. Real-time video footage is also processed to monitor compliance with safety protocols.
- **KPIs or Target Metrics:** The key performance indicators include PPE detection accuracy, real-time detection performance, worker safety compliance rate, and false positive/negative rates. These metrics help evaluate the effectiveness of the system.
- **Ethical Considerations:** Key ethical considerations include privacy concerns, reducing bias in AI models, obtaining worker consent for surveillance, and ensuring data security while monitoring compliance with safety protocols.

8.2 Solution Development

- **Implement AI Tools, Collect Sample Data, and Interpret ResultsL:** Students implement AI models using tools like Python and YOLOv8 for PPE detection. They collect and process sample data, including real-time video footage, and interpret results for improved safety monitoring.
- **Deliverables:** Deliverables include a custom YOLOv8 PPE detection model, a real-time video monitoring system, PPE compliance reports, and a performance metrics dashboard to assess the model’s effectiveness in ensuring safety.

8.3 Presentation and Evaluation

- **Project Overview & Problem Statement (20%):** The project addresses the challenge of manual PPE checks on construction sites by using AI to automate compliance monitoring. The evaluation focuses on the project's relevance and alignment with safety needs.
- **Data and Tools Used (25%):**The project uses a PPE dataset, YOLOv8 for object detection, and tools like Python and OpenCV for video processing. Evaluation focuses on the technical soundness and effectiveness of the data and tools.
- **AI Solution Design (20%):** The AI model detects PPE compliance in real-time video footage. Evaluation focuses on the innovation, practicality, and effectiveness of the design, specifically its application to dynamic construction environments.
- **Key Insights / Outputs and Business & Operational Impact (15%):** The system provides actionable insights through real-time detection and alerts, improving site safety. Evaluation measures the operational impact on compliance rates and safety outcomes.
- **Responsible AI & Future Improvements (20%):** Ethical considerations, such as privacy and fairness, are integrated into the system. Future improvements may include expanding detection capabilities and addressing biases in the model.

8.4 Hands-on simulation activity

- A hands-on activity using the Smart Site Monitor simulation to detect PPE compliance in construction workers, analyze real-time video data, and evaluate AI-generated alerts for safety violation detection and compliance monitoring.