

Homework Assignments

for class: Advanced Certified ScrumMaster (A-CSM)

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The requirements of the A-CSM include your successful completion of the post-course work to address the seven learning objectives listed below. When you get back to a work environment, begin working on the following objectives and document your responses, observations and learnings in your personal journal.

When you feel that you have successfully addressed each concern below, please contact me (your instructor) at the email address above. We will schedule a time to meet and discuss your homework.

1: Apply at least two facilitative listening techniques for effective meetings/events. *You may find inspiration in the work of Sam Kaner or other resources.*

2: Design and facilitate two collaborative events. *One of the events is usually a Sprint retrospective; the second one could also be a retrospective or it could be another Scrum event. Please document what you did to create the agendas and any challenges you had in facilitating the events.*

3: Apply an appropriate coaching technique for two interventions. *You're not limited to using the techniques introduced in the class (e.g. the GROW model, powerful questions, etc.)*

4: Apply a technique to improve the team's ability to manage themselves.

5: Create or refine a Product Goal with the Scrum Team and stakeholders.

6: Create a Product Backlog that supports achievement of a Product Goal.

7: Practice resolving the root cause of an organizational impediment. *Consider that using Fishbone analysis and/or the 5 Whys can make visible the root cause of the issue.*

Optional: Watch the two recommended videos (or find other similar videos or podcasts) about high-performing teams on your own time:

- **Trusting Teams** (Simon Sinek) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5qQJhe7sLE>
- **How to Create a High-Performance Culture** (Andrew Stilltoe) - <https://youtu.be/BAdeFHIhKi4?t=393>
- If you watch other videos (or listen to podcasts) on the topic, please list them.