STUDENT PATHWAY TO AFC® CERTIFICATION

WHAT WE BRING TO THE TABLE
• An enhancement to your degree. The AFC® Certification represents the highest standard of excellence in the field of financial counseling and education.
• Students enrolled in an AFCPE® Approved Education Program receive deep discounts to sit for the AFC® exam with a total cost of only $490.
• An education that will prepare you to guide clients through a holistic counseling framework of life cycle financial education.
• Reduced student rates for AFCPE® Membership – only $35/year.
• Career building resources through our online Career Center.
• Mentorship opportunities to jumpstart your career.

EXPERIENCE
• Acquire 1,000 hours of relevant financial counseling/financial education work experience.

ETHICS
• Sign and agree to abide by the AFC® Code of Ethics.
• Submit 3 letters of reference attesting to professional competence – one each from a supervisor, a colleague and a client.
• Renew certification by acquiring Continuing Education Units (CEUs) biannually and paying annual certification fees.

EDUCATION
• Complete required coursework in an AFCPE® Approved Education Program.
• Register with AFCPE® to begin the certification process - $50 (online course and review options also available).
  - All requirements must be completed within 3 years of registration.

EXAM
• Pass the AFC® Certifying exam - $440.
  - 165 Questions, 3 hours
  - Competencies tested were identified in the 2014 Job Analysis

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