# 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 University Program receive deep discounts to sit for the AFC® exam with a total cost of only \$450.
- 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.

## **EDUCATION**

- Register with AFCPE® to begin the certification process - \$50 (Study guides and review options also available).
  - o All requirements must be completed within 3 years of registration.
- Complete required coursework in an Approved University Program:
  - o Personal Finance topic areas
  - o Debt Management/Financial Counseling

#### **EXAM**

- Pass the AFC® Certifying exam \$400.
  - o 175 Questions, 3 hours
  - o Competencies tested were identified in the 2014 Job Analysis

## **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.
- Review certification by acquiring Continuing Education Units (CEUs) biannually and paying annual certification fees.



