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.

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.

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

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