



One Path
to
AICP



One Path to AICP Certification

AICP Certification brings value to your career, the organization you work for, and the communities you serve. Certification demonstrates your expertise, shows your commitment to professional ethics, and helps to distinguish yourself in the job market.

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1 REGISTER



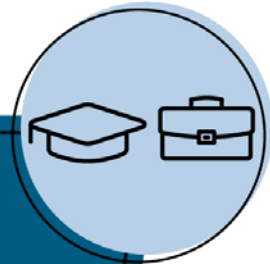
Register for the certification program and schedule exam

2 TEST



Pass AICP exam and become AICP Candidate

3 APPLY



Provide educational and professional experience

SPRING CYCLE

April

May

June

FALL CYCLE

October

November

December

Step 1: Register



Register and Schedule Exam

Details

- Open to ALL APA members regardless of their education or experience
- Submit registration when prepared to test for upcoming exam
- Confirm understanding of requirements
- Agree to abide by the AICP Code of Ethics
- Schedule in-person or online remote exam appointment

Step 2: Test



Take Exam

Pass and become AICP Candidate

Details

- AICP Candidate designation used by all passing testers
- Must maintain APA membership to use the AICP Candidate designation
- Remain AICP Candidate until required minimum experience is earned

Step 3: Apply



Provide education &
Document experience via criteria



Education = Transcript	Experience = Form
PAB Graduate degree in Planning	2 years
PAB Bachelor's degree in Planning	3 years
Non-PAB Graduate degree in Planning <i>Checkbox to self-verify applicable knowledge areas of exam in curriculum to ensure their program is planning</i>	3 years
Any other post-graduate, graduate, or undergraduate degree	4 years
No college degree	8 years

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Experience
evaluated via
experience criteria

Experience Assessment



Same Certification Credibility



- The criteria for AICP Certification have not changed
- Provide education and employment history
- The Assessment allows you to demonstrate how your professional planning experience meets the criteria using:
 - **Checklists** to show how the entirety of your submitted experience meets the criteria requirements
 - **Open response fields** to provide a specific project example that demonstrates how your professional experience meets the criteria

**New Eligibility
Pre-Check
Resources**

Addressing
Common Questions



What is considered "Planning Experience"?

[Planning Experience Worksheet](#)

Confirm your experience qualifies and meets AICP's definition of professional planning experience.



How much planning experience do I have?

[Interactive Experience Calculator](#)

Total up your years of professional planning experience to see how soon you can submit your Planning Experience Assessment.



What is a "non-PAB planning master's degree"
(that qualifies for 3 years of experience)?

[Planning Curriculum Worksheet](#)

Confirm how much professional planning experience you'll be required to provide.



Questions?

Email us at aicp@planning.org
with your question and APA ID