

Appendix A

Subject Topics Accepted for CPD Credit Hours

FPAS views Continuing Professional Development as a form of re-certification and, therefore, should be tied directly to the knowledge, skills, and abilities that are addressed in the certification process. The following list outlines the subject topics that are accepted for CFP® certification CPD credit. Completion of course works covering one or more of these areas from an approved Continuing Professional Development program would generate CPD credits hours.

There are many Continuing Professional Development opportunities that enhance a CFP® practitioner's professional's practice. While FPAS encourages CFP® practitioners to avail themselves of these courses, they will not be counted for Continuing Professional Development credit. Subject topics not accepted for CFP® Certification CPD are: computer hardware and software, marketing, practice management, sales, or specific company or product presentations.

FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS

1. Establishing client-planner relationships
2. Gathering Client Data and Determining Goals and Expectations
3. Determining the client's financial status by analyzing and evaluating.
4. Developing and presenting the financial plan
5. Implementing the financial plan
6. Monitoring the financial plan

JOB KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

General Principles

7. Regulatory requirements for certificants
8. Ethical and professional considerations in financial planning
9. Assessment of risk and client behavior
10. Financial planning for special needs
11. Economic environment and indicators
12. Calculate and interpret time value of money
13. Asset valuation for financial planning functions
14. Ways of taking title to property (sole, joint, community, etc)
15. Legal aspects of financial planning

16. Budgeting
17. Personal use-asset management

Insurance Policies and Strategies

18. Principles of insurance
19. Identification of life, health, homeowners, auto and other property and liability risk exposures
20. Legal aspects of insurance
21. Insurance industry regulation
22. Property and liability policy analysis
23. Policy analysis
24. Life insurance policy analysis
25. Annuity policy analysis
26. Health insurance policy analysis
27. Taxation of insurance products
28. Selecting insurance companies and agencies

Risk Management

29. Client assessment
30. Marketability/liquidity
31. Types of investment risk
32. Measurement of risk
33. Influence of time on investment risk

Investment vehicles

34. Government regulation of securities and markets
35. Investment vehicles
36. Types and measures of investment returns
37. Bond and stock valuation methods

38. Portfolio performance measurement

Investment Theory and Strategies

39. Formula investing

40. "Active" and "passive" strategies

41. Leverage and use of borrowed funds for investing

42. Hedging and option strategies

43. Asset allocation: active and passive

44. Pricing models

45. Efficient market hypothesis

46. Investment vehicles match to client needs

47. Tax impact on time value analysis of investments

Tax Planning Considerations

48. Ethical considerations in tax planning

49. Income tax fundamentals

50. Tax compliance matters

51. Taxation terminology

Tax Computations

52. Tax calculations and specific rules

53. Tax accounting

54. Basis and cost recovery concepts

Tax Planning Strategies

55. Tax management techniques

56. Interest and penalty taxes and other charges

57. Tax pitfalls

Retirement plans and Strategies

- 58. Ethical considerations in retirement planning and employee benefits
- 59. Types of retirement plans
- 60. Retirement needs analysis
- 61. Recommendation of the most appropriate type of retirement plan
- 62. Suitability of an investment portfolio for a retirement plan.

Employee benefits

- 63. Life, medical and disability plans in employee benefit programs
- 64. Other employee benefits
- 65. Business applications of individual life and disability insurance
- 66. Estate planning overview

Estate Planning Benefits and Strategies

- 67. Estate planning pitfalls and weaknesses
- 68. Methods for property transfer at death
- 69. Estate planning documents
- 70. Probate
- 71. Liquidity planning
- 72. Features of trusts
- 73. Taxation of trusts and estates
- 74. Life insurance for estate planning