

CFPr Accelerated Path Option

The CFPr Board offers an accelerated path if you earn any of these designations:

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®)
- Certified Investment Management Analyst® (CIMA) (added April 17, 2026)
- Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC®)
- Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU®)
- Licensed attorney
- Doctor of Business Administration
- Ph.D. in financial planning, finance, business administration, or economics
- CFP® certification from outside the U.S. through a Financial Planning Standards Board Ltd. (FPSB) affiliate

Once you become one of these, you can qualify to sit for CFPr exam by taking a CFPr capstone course somewhere for the accelerated path. You don't need to take all the other courses. You can buy a capstone class online. Unless you took FIN 418 as a finance major undergrad, you will not be able to take the BYU capstone course after graduating.

As of August 2026, here are the lowest Capstone prices a simple ChatGPT query returned. (Do your own research):

Provider	Current price
Boston Institute of Finance	\$695
Florida Atlantic University	\$800
Boston University	\$995
Purdue University	\$995
American College Alternative Capstone	\$1,175

See here for details:

<https://www.cfp.net/certification-process/education-requirement/certification-coursework-requirement/accelerated-path>