TPCP™ Program: See Where We Stand

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	TPCP™ Tax Planning Certified Professional™	CFP® Certification Education Program	ChFC® Chartered Financial Consultant®	CPA Certified Public Accountant
Description	For financial professionals seeking integrated, lifecycle tax planning knowledge to enhance their holistic financial planning skills	For financial professionals seeking broad foundational financial planning knowledge	For financial professionals seeking broad foundational financial planning knowledge that encompasses contemporary applications	For professionals seeking advanced tax compliance and reporting expertise
Requirements to Use the Mark or Designation	• Three courses and their final exams • Three years of professional experience • Comply with The American College Code of Ethics and Procedures • Participate in the annual Professional Recertification Program (PRP)	• Seven courses and their final exams • Pass the CFP® exam • 6,000 hours of financial advisor experience or 4,000 hours of apprenticeship experience • Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university	• Eight courses and their final exams • Three years of professional experience • Comply with The American College Code of Ethics and Procedures • Participate in the annual Professional Recertification Program (PRP)	• Complete 150 semester credit hours of college education (requirement varies by state) • Pass the Uniform CPA Examination • 1-2 years of relevant work experience • Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
Tuition	• Three-Course Package: $2,695 • Individual Course: $995	• 7-Course Package: $5,395 • Individual Course: $955	• 8-Course Package $6,395 • Individual Course: $955	CPA exam review courses cost $1,000 - $4,000
Time to Finish	12 months or less	12 months or less	12 months or less	7 years on average
Tax Curriculum	*Comprehensive Tax Planning* Curriculum is 100% focused on specialized tax planning knowledge to identify, evaluate, and implement tax strategies for individuals and businesses owners	*Foundational Tax Planning* One course focused on the fundamentals of income taxation with some tax planning knowledge layered in other courses (14% of the CFP exam is focused on tax planning)	*Foundational Tax Planning* One course focused on the fundamentals of income taxation with some tax planning knowledge layered in other courses	*Advanced Tax Compliance and Reporting* 150 semester credit hours in accounting, auditing, business law, finance, technology, or tax subjects
Life-Long Learning Path	Additional specialized learning paths include the Retirement Income Certified Professional® (RICP®), Chartered Special Needs Consultant® (ChSNC®), and the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP®) designations.	Course credits apply towards achieving the ChFC® and Chartered Life Underwriter® (CLU®) designations. Advanced specialization can be achieved through the Retirement Income Certified Professional® (RICP®), Chartered Special Needs Consultant® (ChSNC®), Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP®), and TPCP™ programs.	Program completers can sit for the CFP exam. Course credits also apply towards achieving the Chartered Life Underwriter® (CLU®) designation. Advanced specialization can be achieved through the Retirement Income Certified Professional® (RICP®), Chartered Special Needs Consultant® (ChSNC®), Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP®), and TPCP™ programs.	CPAs need only to take The American College of Financial Services' CFP® Alternative Capstone Program, and submit documentation of their CPA to be eligible to sit for the CFP® exam. Tax planning specialization can be achieved with the TPCP™ program.

Learn more about the Tax Planning Certified Professional™ (TPCP™) Program and enroll today at **TheAmericanCollege.edu/TPCP**

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