

Your pathway to becoming a CPFA



Step 1

Complete your Master's in Governmental Accounting program

The CIPFA program is open to [Rutgers Master's in Governmental Accounting graduates](#). If you are not a Master's graduate or current Master's student, please contact Professor Irfan Bora, the course director at Rutgers Business School: ibora@business.rutgers.edu

Step 2

Enroll for the CIPFA program

Go to www.cipfa.org/pathwaytoCPFA to enroll for the CIPFA program. As soon as you've enrolled you will have access to all of the learning materials (videos, reading materials and practice test questions) via CIPFA Learning, our virtual learning environment and can begin studying immediately.

Step 3

Complete the IPFM modules

As part of the program, you must complete the 'Strategy and Policy Development' and the 'Financial Management' modules. You may also want to work through any of the other IPFM modules, if there are subjects or areas you want to brush up on before the final exam. Each module will take around 100 hours or two weeks to complete. This estimate assumes you have no prior knowledge of the content.

Step 4

Complete the strategic case study course and sit the final exam

The strategic case study course and final exam are run twice a year and our 2020 dates are below. This part of the program will involve working through the course materials via CIPFA Learning, submitting mock exams, attending live web classes and sitting the final exam. You will be allocated the next available intake when you have completed your IPFM modules.

Course starts March 2020

- Course ends in May 2020
- Exam takes place in June 2020
- Results are issued in July 2020

Course starts September 2020

- Course ends in November 2020
- Exam takes place in December 2020
- Results are issued in January 2021

Step 5

Apply for CIPFA membership and your CPFA designation

As soon as you have successfully completed all of the course work and the final case study exam you will be invited to apply for full CIPFA membership and your CPFA designation.