



PREPARING FOR THE AICP EXAM

APATX NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

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AGENDA

- 1** Paths to get AICP Certified
- 2** Exam Format & Focus Areas
- 3** 5 Steps to Prepare for the Exam
- 4** AICP Exam Resources
- 5** Panelist Questions followed by Q&A Session

PATHS TO GET AICP CERTIFIED

Traditional Sequence



AICP Candidate Pilot Program Sequence



AICP CERTIFICATION EXAM

- The exam is offered every May and November
- Test online remotely or in-person using Prometric
- 4-hour exam appointment (Check-in early if you can!)
- 170 multiple choice questions with 20-pretest questions that are not scored
- A passing score is 55+ and you will get your score after completing the exam
- A follow-up email will contain how you did in each of the test subjects

THE FIVE MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE EXAM

- **25%** Fundamental Planning Knowledge
- **30%** Plan Making & Implementation
- **30%** Areas of Practice
- **5%** Leadership, Administration & Management
- **10%** AICP Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct

**40%
Knowledge
&
60% Skills**

View a comprehensive list of the criteria being tested within each test component on APA's website ([view here](#))

WHY GET AICP CERTIFIED?

- **Advance your professional career**
- AICP Planners earn **\$16,000 more** than non-AICP members
- Increase your knowledge on **good planning practices**
- Gain a **professional and ethical foundation**

**Also
Get more
involved in the
North Central
Section!**



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR THE AICP EXAM?

- 1** Attend an AICP Workshop
- 2** Make a study plan (start **at least 6 months** in advance)
- 3** Choose a Prep Course to study for the Exam
- 4** Access APA's online resources
- 5** Familiarize with the exam **by taking multiple practice exams**

AICP WORKSHOPS

- AICP Workshops Hosted by Texas Chapter PDO ([view here](#))
- AICP Workshop @ 2021 National Planning Conference ([view here](#))



AICP PREP COURSES

- Planetizen AICP Exam Preparation Class ([view here](#))
- Florida Chapter Online Prep Course ([view here](#))



AICP Exam Prep Class

planetizen.com/aicp

APA RESOURCES

- Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Reports ([view here](#))
- Planning Magazine ([view here](#))
- APA Policy Guides ([view here](#))
- AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct ([view here](#))
- National Planning Pioneers ([view here](#))
- American Planning History since 1900 ([view here](#))
- APA Pennsylvania Chapter AICP Study Notes ([view here](#))

MEET THE PANELIST

- Name
- Current role & place of employment
- Year you got certified!!!
- Your degree & where you went to school

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