



SYLLABUS: FINANCIAL ANALYSIS SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION (FAS) – CRN 40226

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Exam Dates: First Wednesday of the New Month
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Time: Self-Paced Program
Location: 100% Online

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE FAS:

- Understanding and using net present value, pricing, costing, working capital, sensitivity analysis and other tools and best practices as a financial analyst.
- Understand how to use, interpret and forecast financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, cash flow)
- To be able to perform financial analysis with the help of ratio analysis and contribution and margin analysis
- To be able to understand and apply the basic principles of accounting, touching on revenue recognition and income determination
- To gain expertise in the effective use of Excel as a tool for financial analysis effectively

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Self-Management: The Financial Analysis Specialist Certification (FASC) is a self-study certification program. We greatly want to see you succeed, but your success depends on and directly corresponds to the amount of effort and time you put into learning the material.

Strategic Project completion: The strategic project for the FASC course is laid out in the study guide. This project is worth 50% of the FASC grade and must be received completed before you can schedule your examination date.

Time-Management: Being that the FASC is a self-study program, it is your responsibility to make time to read the required texts, to ask questions as they arise, and to keep in mind your examination date.

Examination: The exams are offered on the first Wednesday of the new month. This would allow you to take the exam 12 times within a year's time. If you are unable to test within this time the courses roll over into the following year.

Please note that your exam date request must be received at least 2 weeks before the exam date. For example, if you would like to sit for the January 10th exam, we need to receive your request and completed project no later than December 27th. You can send your completed project and date request to the email address above.

PREREQUISITES: We require one year of work experience before candidates are accepted into the FASC program.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. *Analysis for Financial Management* by Robert Higgins. 2011. McGraw-Hill/Irwin. ISBN-13: 978-0078034688
2. *Business Analysis with Microsoft Excel (3rd Edition)* by Conrad Carlberg. 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0789736642
3. *Financial Statements: A Step-by-Step Guide to Understanding and Creating Financial Reports* by Thomas R. Ittelson. 2009. Career Press. ISBN-13: 978-1601630230

REQUIRED TOOLS: Internet access and an Internet browser with which to take the online exam and to view the program videos. Internet Explorer and Firefox work best, though most browsers should suffice.

FASC GRADE BREAKDOWN:

Strategic Project: (100 pts) – Instructions provided in the FASC Study Guide.

Exam: (100 pts)

- 80 multiple choice/true-false questions (80%)
- 2 short-essay questions (20%)

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