

START EARLY TO STAND OUT

AICP Candidate Pilot Program



Put your career on the fast track.

Distinguish yourself from your peers through the AICP Candidate Pilot Program. Demonstrate to potential employers a commitment to the mastering of planning skills and the highest standard of ethical practice. Get involved in AICP early and learn among practicing planners while earning Certification Maintenance credits.

Students and recent graduates of PAB-accredited programs can:

- Enroll in the Program any time during the year
- Register in December–March (for the May exam) or in June–September (for the November exam)
- Use the payment program for exam fees
- **Take the exam prior to earning professional planning experience**

Take the first step to becoming AICP now!

Learn more about the AICP Candidate Pilot Program:
planning.org/aicp/candidate

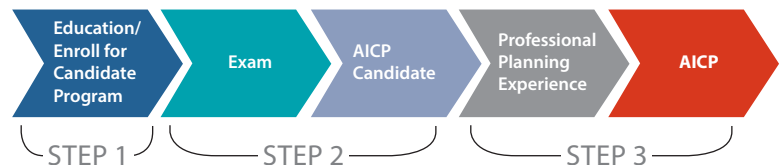
PATHS TO AICP

The Program provides you with a path to start earlier.
The criteria to become AICP are the same.

Traditional Sequence



AICP Candidate Pilot Program Sequence



The American Planning Association's
Professional Institute
**American Institute
of Certified Planners**

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

Realize the Benefits

Get a head start

Take the AICP Certification Exam fresh out of school

Distinguish yourself

Use the AICP Candidate designation on your resume

Learn from the best

Get career advice and guidance from an AICP mentor

Make connections

Network with the planning community at local and national events

Lead the profession

Stand out as an AICP Certified Planner

AICP Candidate Pilot Program Enrollment Path

Enroll any time throughout the year if I am a student in or a recent graduate of a PAB-accredited program

I graduated (or I will) in December

The earliest I can take the exam is **May**, following graduation

I graduated (or I will) in May

The earliest I can take the exam is **November**, following graduation

By first Monday of March

I submit graduation documentation*

For graduates, this is part of enrolling.
For students, this happens after graduation.

*Allow 6 weeks for APA to verify graduation documentation

By first Monday of September

APA approves my graduation documentation. I am eligible to register for the exam.

I register to take the AICP Certification Exam

Opens the first business day in December
Closes the last business day in April

Exam Registration Window

Opens the first business day in June
Closes the last business day in October

May

I take the AICP exam (first opportunity)

When my registration is confirmed, I schedule my testing date.

November

I pass the AICP exam and become an AICP Candidate!

I start or continue earning professional planning experience

Undergraduate: 3 yrs | Graduate: 2 yrs

I submit my AICP application during the June or December application window, and once approved, I pay my AICP dues.



I become an AICP member!

Take the first step to becoming an AICP member now! Learn more: planning.org/aicp/candidate