



CFP FAQ

What options are available to me for taking the Bryant & Stratton Certified Financial Planning program?

Bryant & Stratton can deliver the program in any number of ways. You can take the program in a formally scheduled classroom setting, in a formally schedule online setting, or a blended approach with some classes taken online and others in a traditional classroom. In addition, if there are enough students at your firm who are interested in the program we offer the potential to customize for the organization. Please see the local account representative in the Bryant & Stratton Professional Skills Center located in your market for more information.

Why choose Bryant & Stratton's Certificate in Financial Planning program over another program?

This is an accelerated program that allows students to meet the CFP Boards education requirement to sit for the CFP® Certification Examination in 12 months. Quality instruction is a must for any outstanding educational program. All faculty members have advanced degrees and certifications and are experienced professionals in their respective fields. Combined with Bryant & Stratton's commitment to education, students entering this program can be assured of the best education available.

What courses will I be required to take through Bryant & Stratton College (BSC) as part of the program ?

There are six (6) courses that each participant will take if they enroll in the **classroom** program. Those courses include:

- Fundamentals of Financial Planning and Insurance Planning
- Investment Planning
- Tax Planning
- Retirement Planning and Employee Benefits
- Estate Planning
- Financial Planning Capstone – Cases and Applications

For students enrolled in the **online** program there are seven (7) courses. Those courses include:

- Personal Financial Planning
- Insurance Planning
- Investment Planning
- Tax Planning
- Retirement Planning
- Estate Planning
- Financial Planning Capstone

What are the benefits of the online Certified Financial Planning courses?

- BSC's online courses are highly interactive
- Students enrolled in these online courses have access to their progress report 24/7
- These online courses are available anytime, anywhere!
- Discussion boards and webinars are tailored to meet student needs
- Case studies and webinars built into all courses
- Auto scored Check Your Understanding questions following each learning segment
- Students have access to the College's Virtual Library
- Faculty members are "CFPs" or industry experts providing assurance that field experiences are embedded into the classroom experience

What is the time commitment required for study outside of the classroom?

Depending on the student's previous experience and education, a student can expect to spend between 1-2 hours outside of the classroom, for every hour in the classroom.

How long is the program?

You can expect to complete the classroom or online courses in approximately 12 months. The classroom courses are typically run over a 7 to 8 week period of time and each of the online courses run in 7½ weeks.

I have already completed classes in a self-study program, can I transfer credit to your program?

Bryant & Stratton University will allow students to transfer classes from other CFP Board-Registered programs, as well as from other courses in appropriately related topics. In addition, BSC will offer a tuition reduction for each class that is exempted. Contact the Program Director to explore options.

Do I have to enroll in all courses through Bryant & Stratton College?

No you do not. You can enroll in each course individually based upon your professional and personal needs. If you do sign up for the entire program upfront though you are eligible to receive a program discount and lock-in at current pricing . Contact one of our staff associates for more information on individual and complete program pricing.

How has the curriculum been developed?

Bryant & Stratton has partnered with leading academic publishers such as Cengage and McGraw Hill, in addition to Dalton Education , a leader in the financial planning arena, to deliver the highest quality curriculum for our students .

In order to attain the CFP certification, what educational requirements are required?

The education requirement can be fulfilled by successfully completing the CFP® Certification Education Program. Certain professionals such as a Ph.D., D.B.A., JD, CFA, CPA, ChFC or CLU may challenge the exam. Contact the Program Director for more information. Effective March 1, 2007 a bachelor's degree, in any discipline, is also required to attain the CFP certification.

How often is the CFP Examination given ?

The CFP® certification examination is given three times per year in March, July and November. The exam consists of 285 questions and is 10-hours in length.

What is the experience level required for the CFP certification?

Three (3) years of relevant work experience is required for CFP certification. However, it is not necessary that you complete the Experience Requirement before taking courses or taking the CFP Certification Exam.

Does Bryant & Stratton offer a degree program in Financial Planning?

In September of 2009 , the College officially launches a new degree with the Bachelors of Science in Financial Services (BSFS). Currently this program is only offered in the States of Virginia and Wisconsin. New York and Ohio have not yet been approved to offer the BSFS degree.

How long is the BS Financial Services program?

- The BS Financial Services program is a 120 credit baccalaureate level degree program . Students interested in taking the CFP exam are also required to complete the 16 hour boot camp while completing their capstone course in their final semester.

What are the unique features and benefits of the program?

- Current BSC students enrolled in Business, Human Resource Specialist, and Accounting may bring between 48-57 associate degree credits to the BS Financial Services program
- The financial services field is expecting faster than average job growth
- The BS Financial Services program meets the CFP Education requirements to sit for the CFP exam
- The degree program includes the (16) hour preparatory boot camp

Who should enroll in the BS Financial Services program?

- Students seeking a baccalaureate degree who are interested in working in the financial services industry in accounting, financial planning or financial service management
- Students seeking a baccalaureate degree who are interested in becoming a Certified Financial Planner

How did Bryant & Stratton College develop the CFP® Certification Education Program Curriculum that is embedded in the BS Financial Services program?

- The curriculum is built upon the CFP Board of Standards Model Curriculum
- The respective media are selected from the same CFP Board of Standards Model Curriculum. The books were also validated by content experts and SMEs who were hired to develop the coursework.

Who should enroll in the BS Financial Services program?

- Students seeking a baccalaureate degree who are interested in working in the financial services industry in accounting, financial planning or financial service management
- Students seeking a baccalaureate degree who are interested in becoming a Certified Financial Planner

How can I get more information on any of the programs offered by Bryant & Stratton College?

You can get more information on the program in one of the following ways:

First, you can review the program detail at our website www.psctraining.com.

Secondly, you can contact the Professional Skills Center location in one of Bryant & Stratton's eight (8) markets; Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo, New York; Richmond and Virginia Beach, Virginia; Cleveland, Ohio and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For complete details, you can contact Evan Wardner, CFP® Director CFP® Certification Education Program at eswardner@bryantstratton.edu.

Bryant & Stratton College does not certify individuals to use the CFP® CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, and CFP (with flame logo) marks. CFP certification is granted solely by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. to individuals who, in addition to completing an educational requirement such as this CFP Board-Registered Program, have met ethics, experience and examination requirements.