

## Education & Examination

**2012 Educational Program Year Now Open!** In order to maintain the highest standards for its educational programs, ASPPA continues to improve upon the availability, variety and quality of its offerings. This year brings exciting changes, some of which are highlighted below. See the new [Professional Development Catalog](#) for complete details. If you are already pursuing an ASPPA certificate or credential, please review all relevant program changes at [What's New in 2012?](#)

**New Hire Training – Basic Education Webcast Series** is an easy and convenient way to brush up on retirement plan basics and can be used as a supplementary study tool for the RPF-1 exam. Purchase all 7 webcasts as a series or purchase each webcast individually. First webcast (Topic: Retirement Plan Basics) starts Monday, January 23. [Click here to register or learn more.](#)

Strengthen the foundations of your education by [registering](#) for a **certificate program examination**. **Training for Advisors:** the new [Plan Financial Consulting \(PFC\) certificate](#) can be obtained through successful completion of the PFC-1 exam. [ASPPA certificates](#) signify a base of retirement plan knowledge and can lead to ASPPA credentials. All certificate program examinations (RPF-1, RPF-2, TGPC-1, and PFC-1) are administered in online, open-book format with immediate score report. Submission deadline is December 13, 2012.

[Register](#) for a **proctored examination** (TGPC-2, PFC-2, DC-1, DC-2, DC-3, DB, CPC, A-4) by March 12, 2012 to receive the early registration discount. With **longer examination windows** in 2012 you can schedule your exam earlier than ever and work around busy periods. The 2012 spring window will run from April 2 – June 29. The spring CPC exam will be held on June 14, and the A-4 exam will be held on May 17.

**QPAs and Consultants:** Become a topic specialist and [register](#) for a consulting module. [Consulting modules](#) are a great way to receive in-depth education on specific topics and earn CPE credits. They also satisfy requirements for the CPC credential. The first semester is now open and the testing window runs until June 29.

Take Advantage of Supplementary Educational Tools:

- New and updated publications this year include the 2012 editions of *401(k) Fiduciary Governance*, *The Defined Contribution Plan Series, Volume 3 (DC-3)*, *The DB Study Guide*, and new textbooks for PFC-1 and PFC-2. Review our selection of [study material](#) and begin preparing for your 2012 exams.
- Assess your preparedness with an ASPPA **practice examination**. New for certificate program examinations: online practice exams mimic the actual test-taking experience. [Register today for](#)



[RPF-1, RPF-2 and TGPC-1 practice exams](#). PFC-1 certificate practice examination coming in July. Submit and receive immediate score report upon completion.

- **Webcourses** – self-paced online education will assist with study for an ASPPA examination and can be used as a staff training tool. 1<sup>st</sup> semester access runs until June 30. [Register today or click here to learn more](#). Discounted and classroom packages available, e-mail [training@asppa.org](mailto:training@asppa.org).

## Education Calendar

Jan 1-Jun 30: [1st Semester Webcourse Access Period](#)

Jan 4-Jun 29: [1st Semester CPC Modules](#)

Feb 24: [Early registration deadline for EA-2B Examination Review Course](#)

[» See All Webcourses](#)

[» See All CPC Modules](#)