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CPFO: An Update

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What is the CPFOD Designation?

- Program designed by GFOA
 - Self Study
- Verify knowledge in government finance
- Series of 5 exams
 - Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting
 - Treasury and Investment Management
 - Debt Management
 - Operating and Capital Budgeting
 - Retirement & Benefits, Risk Management and Procurement

CPFO Testing Available Online

- New in June 2018, tests available through ProctorU
- Available 24/7 but you must submit application 2 weeks prior to taking the test
- Technical requirements and guidelines for the physical space
- www.gfoa.org has more information

How will IGFOA support me?

■ Study timelines

- Tortoise - Slow & Steady Passes the Exam!
 - Recommended Reading
 - Pages per Day
 - Review Time
- Hare – Cram for the Exam! (And still Pass!)
 - Recommended Reading
 - Clear Your Schedule 2-3 weeks Before

How will IGFOA support me?

- IGFOA Mentoring Program
 - Recruit peers with CPFO designation
 - Provide insight on exam process
 - Provide support and answer questions about the process
- Sign up here at Conference!

How will IGFOA support me?

- IGFOA Mentoring Program
 - Facilitate partnering of candidate and CPFO designated peer
 - Geographic Location
 - Study Habit/Style
 - Other Important Criteria

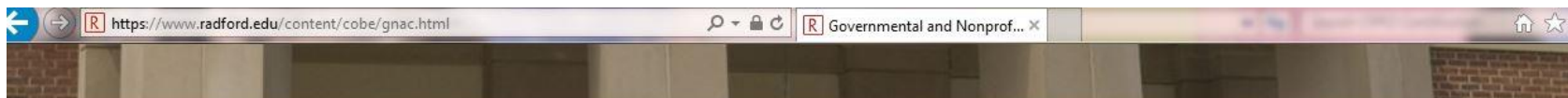
- IGFOA Mentoring Program
 - Annual Conference
 - Short Informational Meeting
 - Mentoring Sign Up
 - Sample Materials & Applications
 - IGFOA Dispatch
 - Email Patrice Sutton
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Study Time-lines

- Includes total amount of reading for each exam
- Provides useful breakout of reading requirement for a 90 day study period

CPFO Online Exam Review

- Offered through Radford University
 - Governmental & NonProfit Assistance Center
(<https://www.radford.edu/content/cobe/gnac.html>)



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Invest in Your Future: Earn the CPFO Designation

WHAT IS THE CPFO PROGRAM?

The Certified Public Finance Officers Program (CPFO) of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) is a broad educational self-study program designed to verify knowledge in the disciplines of government finance. To earn the designation of Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO), candidates must pass a series of five examinations within a seven year period.

- > Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting
- > Treasury and Investment Management
- > Debt Management
- > Operating and Capital Budgeting
- > Retirement and Benefits, Risk Management, and Procurement

TAKE YOUR CAREER TO THE NEXT LEVEL. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE [CPFO PROGRAM](#).

HOW TO PREPARE TO TAKE THE CPFO EXAMS

The CPFO program was designed as a self-study program. The [exams are based on content specifications and recommended readings established by the GFOA](#). Sample exam questions are provided on the GFOA site. The GFOA offers training programs for public finance officers, but does not offer review courses for the CPFO program.

TAKE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Radford University's Governmental and Nonprofit Assistance Center provides online classes to prepare Public Finance officers for the CPFO exams. These classes are aligned with the CPFO content specifications and suggested readings. The online classes are self-paced and allow users to access the material when convenient. Classes consist of recorded presentations, quizzes, and sample exams. [View the complete descriptions of available online review classes](#).

REGISTER FOR AN ONLINE CPFO REVIEW COURSE WITH GNAC!

[Complete the CPFO course registration form \[PDF\]](#). To comply with the university's Payment Cards Policy, this form must be submitted by mail to the address listed below or faxed to 540-831-7996. E-mailed copies of this form will not be accepted or



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CPFO Course Descriptions

Debt Management

The Debt Management review course covers the content specifications and recommended readings for the GFOA's Certified Public Finance Officers Debt Management exam. Course topics include the municipal debt market, capital financing, the bond sale, investment of bond proceeds, and continuing disclosure requirements. Learn more about EMMA and the MSRB. Gain better understanding of the underwriting process and how to determine when a refunding is right for your government.

Treasury and Investment Management

This course covers the content specifications and recommended readings for the GFOA's Certified Public Finance Officers Treasury and Investment Management exam. It covers topics such as investments, banking relationship, collections, disbursements, cash management, cash flow forecasting, short-term borrowing, and internal controls.

It has five main sections as follows: investing (2 sections), managing banking services (2 sections), and general treasury management

Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting

This course covers the content specifications and recommended readings for the GFOA's Certified Public Finance Officers Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting exam. It covers topics such as financial reporting, internal controls, and auditing.

It has three main sections as follows: financial reporting (7 sections), internal controls (3 sections), and auditing (1 section).

Coming Soon! We anticipate that the courses below will be available in late 2018/early 2019.

Retirement and Benefits, Risk Management, and Procurement

Operating and Capital Budgeting



Debt Management for Public Finance Officers

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Navigating the course ✕

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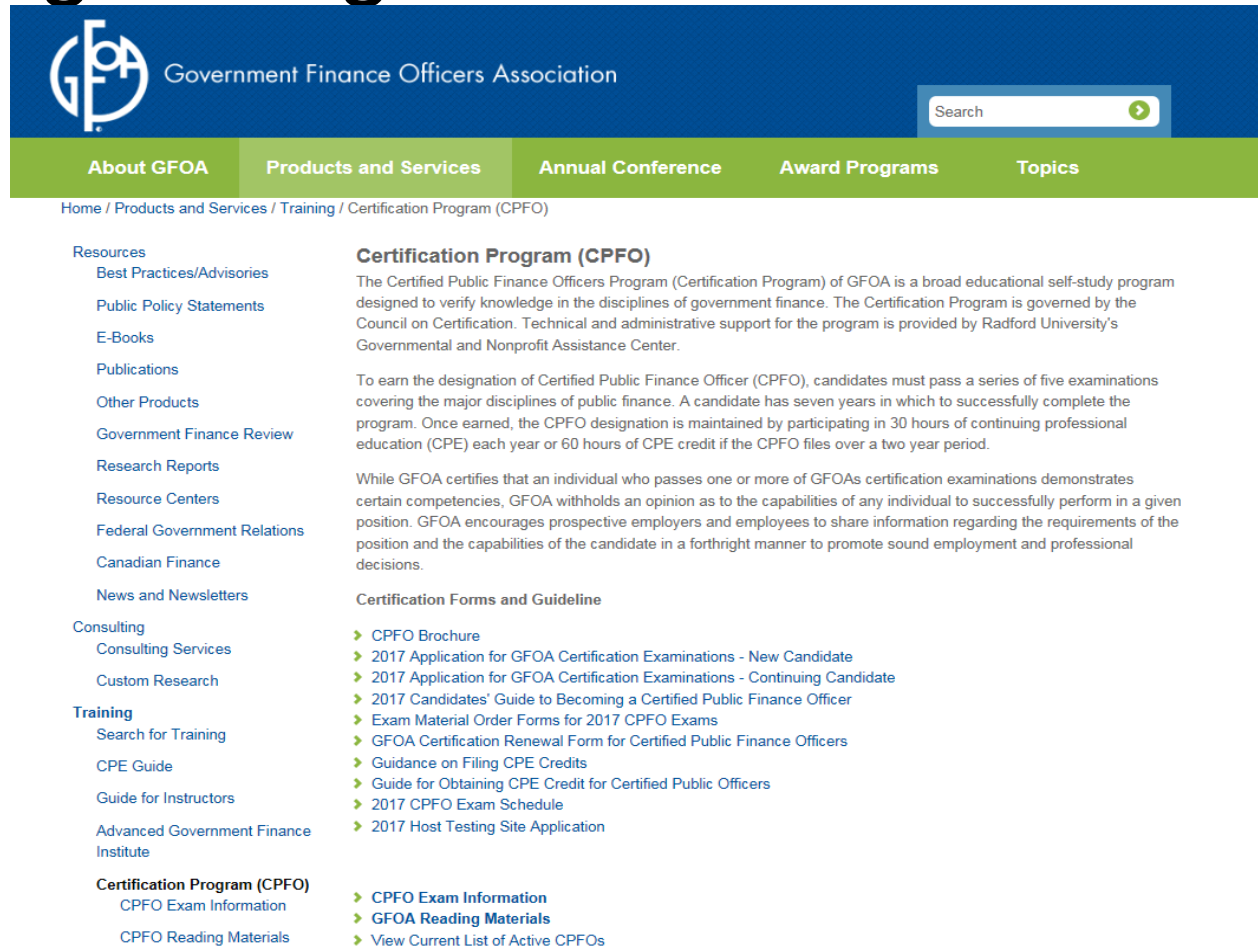
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Certification Program (CPFO)

The Certified Public Finance Officers Program (Certification Program) of GFOA is a broad educational self-study program designed to verify knowledge in the disciplines of government finance. The Certification Program is governed by the Council on Certification. Technical and administrative support for the program is provided by Radford University's Governmental and Nonprofit Assistance Center.

To earn the designation of Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO), candidates must pass a series of five examinations covering the major disciplines of public finance. A candidate has seven years in which to successfully complete the program. Once earned, the CPFO designation is maintained by participating in 30 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) each year or 60 hours of CPE credit if the CPFO files over a two year period.

While GFOA certifies that an individual who passes one or more of GFOAs certification examinations demonstrates certain competencies, GFOA withholds an opinion as to the capabilities of any individual to successfully perform in a given position. GFOA encourages prospective employers and employees to share information regarding the requirements of the position and the capabilities of the candidate in a forthright manner to promote sound employment and professional decisions.

Certification Forms and Guideline

- [CPFO Brochure](#)
- [2017 Application for GFOA Certification Examinations - New Candidate](#)
- [2017 Application for GFOA Certification Examinations - Continuing Candidate](#)
- [2017 Candidates' Guide to Becoming a Certified Public Finance Officer](#)
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- [2017 CPFO Exam Schedule](#)
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CPFO Exam Information

- [CPFO Exam Information](#)
- [GFOA Reading Materials](#)
- [View Current List of Active CPFOs](#)

Where can I find more information?

- Reach out to any of our CPFO Team members through IGFOA:

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