

We are delighted you are considering enrolment into the CFP® Certification Program. To help you with your pathway toward CFP Certification, here are the education entry requirements. If you have completed your studies or are planning to study a course (or a combination of courses) which does not appear on the FASEA list, you [can apply for pre-admission](#).

## CFP® Certification Program Education Entry Requirements

A FASEA-approved academic degree (advanced standing may apply) listed in the [Relevant Providers Degrees, Qualifications and Courses Standard Determination](#) released by FASEA.

These include bachelor degrees, graduate diplomas and master degrees

OR

\*An Australian financial degree with a Diploma of Financial Planning or (RG 146) equivalent

OR

\*A non-related international degree with an Advanced Diploma of Financial Planning or equivalent

OR

\*An Advanced Diploma of Financial Planning or equivalent and working towards your degree

OR

Have completed eight (8) subjects from a FASEA-approved Masters degree (Graduate Diploma)

*\*Education pathway valid until 2024*

### Undergraduate degrees

All bachelor degrees listed in FASEA's Relevant Providers Degrees, Qualifications and Courses Standard Determination automatically satisfy the education requirements to become a Financial Planner AFP® and prepare you for entry into the CFP® Certification program, without the need for a bridging program.

### Postgraduate qualifications

If you do not hold an approved undergraduate degree but have industry experience, you can enroll into an approved postgraduate qualification. A FASEA-approved course will be a minimum of a Graduate Diploma. You can progress to a Master's degree to meet CFP Certification program entry (with advanced standing for CFP 2, CFP 3 and CFP 4 in most cases) or add CFP 1, CFP 2, CFP 3 or CFP 4 to achieve a "Masters equivalent" to meet the degree requirement. Some education providers will allow you to count FPA study towards a Masters as "cross credits".

## Advanced Standing into the CFP<sup>®</sup> Program

If you hold a FASEA-approved postgraduate degree, you may be eligible for advanced standing for CFP 2, 3 and 4 units. Advanced standing is not available for CFP 1 and CFP Certification units.

Graduates of the following FASEA-approved programs will receive advanced standing for CFP 2, 3 and 4 units. To gain advanced standing, you must complete ALL mandatory units/subjects listed in the Relevant Providers Degrees, Qualifications and Courses Standard Determination.

Education Provider	Qualification
<b>Australian Catholic University</b>	<b>Master of Finance major in Financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2019</i>
<b>Charles Sturt University</b>	<b>Master of Applied Finance</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2019</i>
<b>Curtin University of Technology</b>	<b>Master of Financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2014</i>
<b>Deakin University</b>	<b>Master of Wealth Management</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who completed the program by end of 2011</i>
	<b>Master of Financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2019</i>
<b>Financial Services Institute of Australia (FINSIA)</b>	<b>Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2008. Advanced standing for this qualification may be provided ONLY IF the student also has a Master or Bachelor degree.</i>
<b>Griffith University</b>	<b>Master of Business (Financial Planning)</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2012</i>
	<b>Master of Commerce (Financial Planning)</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 1, 2014</i>
	<b>Master of Financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2019</i>
<b>Kaplan Higher Education</b>	<b>Master of financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2019</i>
	<b>Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2010. Advanced standing for this qualification may be provided ONLY IF the student also has a Master or Bachelor degree.</i>
	<b>Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2013. Advanced standing for this qualification may be provided ONLY IF the student also has a Master or Bachelor degree.</i>

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<p><b>La Trobe University</b></p>	<p><b>Any Master degree program in the Financial Planning specialisation</b></p> <p>Student must complete the nine (9) specified subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ECO5POE Principles of Economics</li> <li>- FIN5POF Principles of Finance</li> <li>- FIN5FPL Financial Planning</li> <li>- FIN5REP Retirement and Estate Planning</li> <li>- FIN5CFP Case Studies in Financial Planning</li> <li>- FIN5PMT Portfolio Management</li> <li>- FIN5DBS Debt Securities</li> <li>- FIN5EQS Equity Securities</li> <li>- FIN5DER Derivative Securities</li> </ul> <p><i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2014</i></p>
<p><b>Swinburne University</b></p>	<p><b>Master of Financial Planning</b></p> <p><i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2021</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>Master of Professional Accounting / Master of Financial Planning</b></p> <p><i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2021</i></p>
<p><b>University of Adelaide</b></p>	<p><b>ANY Master degree with Financial Planning specialisation.</b></p> <p>Must complete the following units as part of the postgraduate program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CORPFIN6003 Tax, Estate and Wealth Planning</li> <li>- CORPFIN6005 Investment process and Client Relationship Management</li> <li>- CORPFIN6000 Industry Research Project</li> <li>- CORPFIN6004 Global Wealth Management</li> </ul> <p><i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2012</i></p>
<p><b>University of New England</b></p>	<p><b>Master of Financial Services</b></p> <p><i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Trimester 3, 2016. Currently in teach-out mode.</i></p>
<p><b>University of NSW</b></p>	<p><b>Master of Financial Planning</b></p> <p><i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 1, 2021</i></p>
<p><b>University of South Australia</b></p>	<p><b>Master of Finance (Financial Planning)</b></p> <p><i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 1, 2021</i></p>
<p><b>University of Southern Queensland</b></p>	<p><b>Master of Business (Personal Financial Planning specialisation)</b></p> <p><i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2011</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>Graduate Diploma of Business (Personal Financial Planning)</b></p> <p><i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2011</i></p>

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<b>University of the Sunshine Coast</b>	<b>Master of Financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2011</i>
	<b>Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2011</i>
<b>Western Sydney University</b>	<b>Master of Commerce (Financial Planning)</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2014</i>
	<b>Master of Commerce (Financial Planning) / Master of Financial Planning</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 2, 2019</i>
	<b>Master of Stockbroking and Financial Advising</b> <i>Advanced standing arrangement available for students who commenced on or before Semester 1, 2021</i>

## Additional Information

### FPEC Determination on student's commencement period of an accredited degree

The Financial Planning Education Council (FPEC) determines that a student who started the degree while the degree is accredited will have an accredited degree even if they finish when the degree is no longer accredited.

An exception to this rule occurs when the approved program is in 'teach-out- mode and students complete the remaining units via other non-FPEC approved providers. This will not constitute an approved degree. In this case, the student should contact the Financial Adviser Standards and Ethics Authority (FASEA) to have their transcripts reviewed.

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