ChFC®
Chartered Financial Consultant®
Advanced financial planning for today’s complexities
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Why Become an ChFC®

Distinguish yourself with comprehensive and applied financial planning knowledge to serve a wide variety of client needs.

Becoming a ChFC® gives you the ability to:

- Demonstrate mastery of financial planning knowledge
- Serve diverse needs including those with special needs and their caregivers, members of the LGBTQA+ community, clients transitioning through divorce, and more
- Apply financial planning theory and implement effective techniques
- Succeed as an ethical, competent, and articulate practitioner

“The ChFC® sets you apart as a professional. It lets your clients know that you are in it for the long run. It tells the world that you are interested in being the best.”

Thomas J. O’Harenm, ChFC®, CLU®

51% ChFC® designees earn 51% more on average than those without the designation.

¹The American College of Financial Services Designation Outcomes Study, 2017.
Your Differentiator: Advanced Financial Planning Knowledge

The College’s ChFC® Program offers comprehensive education in the essentials of financial planning, including insurance, taxation, retirement, and estate planning. It also addresses advanced areas such as behavioral finance, non-traditional family structures, and small business planning.

The program features:

- Essential competencies in tax and retirement planning, special needs advising, wealth management, and more
- Focus on modern and niche financial planning to broaden your professional and practice reach
- Elite faculty of nationally-recognized academics and researchers in financial planning
- Modern e-learning with Personal Pathway®, allowing you to choose a flexible or more structured learning model
- Growing network of over 50,000 ChFC® professionals nationwide

Client-facing leaders are 59% more likely to hold a ChFC® designation. ¹

¹The American College of Financial Services Designation Outcomes Study. 2017.
The ChFC® is intended for advisors who want to go above and beyond foundational financial planning knowledge, delivering sound guidance to satisfy diverse client needs. To earn the designation, you must complete a total of eight required courses, the seven also included in The College’s CFP® Certification Education Program and a course on contemporary applications in estate planning, divorce, business succession, and more.

### Tuition & Timing

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### Format

100% online, self-study

### Your Learning Outcomes

- Understand the basics of financial planning and risk management
- Income tax strategies for individuals, small businesses, non-traditional families, and more
- Retirement planning, investing, and estate planning formulas for success
- Expertise in special needs planning, gift planning and inheritance, insurance, and more

### Tuition Savings and Scholarship Opportunities

Program tuition can be paid on a per-course basis, or packaged together at a reduced rate. Tuition covers your course fees, final exam, and course materials.

Scholarship opportunities for active-duty, guard and reserve service members, veterans, and spouses, African American financial professionals, women and other qualifying groups are available.

Learn more at [TheAmericanCollege.edu/Scholarships](TheAmericanCollege.edu/Scholarships)
There are no prerequisite courses required before you can begin the ChFC® Program, but to use the designation, you are required to have three years of full-time, relevant business experience and a high school diploma or the equivalent. To receive and maintain the ChFC® designation, you must:

- Agree to comply with The American College Code of Ethics and Procedures
- Participate in the annual Professional Recertification Program (PRP) to maintain the designation

Your Roadmap to Success

Your learning journey doesn’t have to begin or end with earning your ChFC® designation. The ChFC® can be pursued as a stand-alone designation or earned in combination with the CFP® certification or CLU®. Either way, it’s an integral component of a lifelong learning journey with The American College of Financial Services.

Here are a few potential paths:

By earning your ChFC®, you’re also able to complete The College’s requirements for our CFP® Certification Education Program and sit for the CFP® exam. ChFC® completers can earn their CLU® with just three additional courses.
Expand Your Opportunities

The American College of Financial Services delivers applied financial knowledge and education, promotes lifelong learning, and advocates for ethical standards for the benefit of society.

As a lifelong learning partner, you will benefit from:

- Extensive professional network of one-in-five financial advisors educated by The College
- Ready-to-use knowledge delivered by plugged-in, industry-leading experts
- Interactive community engagement featuring frequent webinars, conferences, and professional development events
- Advanced planning skills and real-world application not delivered elsewhere
- Modern education through the latest in mobile-friendly, e-learning technology
- Prestigious pedigree and client recognition from nearly 100 years of academic excellence

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