YOU’VE GOT THE PASSION. NOW GET ON THE PATHWAY.

THE CGMA® PROGRAM LEARNING PATH
START YOUR LIFELONG PROFESSIONAL LEARNING JOURNEY AT CGMA.org/Program
CGMA LEARNING: 3 PHASES

COMPETENCY-BUILDING

CGMA Strategic Management Accounting
37 modules of online self-study on topics, including enterprise strategy, corporate financial strategy, and governance and risk management (50 CPE credit hours)

CGMA Strategic Management Accounting: Video Summary
Pre-recorded video series that provides an overview of the major components in the Strategic Management Accounting self-study course

Harvard ManageMentor™
Online skill-building tool combining the latest in thinking and proven practices from Harvard Business Publishing’s world-class experts

EXAM STRATEGY

CGMA exam preparation review courses
Both live and virtual review courses to help you prepare for the CGMA exam

• The CGMA Exam Live Review Courses typically are offered before every testing window, and are moderated by Adrian D. Sims, MBA/MCIM, one of the leading instructors for the CGMA exam. Candidates who complete the course are eligible for 18 CPE hours.

• The CGMA Exam Preparation Video Review Course is a virtual course that leads you through a structured methodology for how to prepare for and pass the CGMA exam. This includes three mock exams that are individually graded.

CGMA Exam: Case Study Guide
Designed to provide an understanding of the CGMA exam using proven study techniques and examples from the practice exam

PRACTICE

All practice resources are complimentary and can be accessed at any time.

Practice exam
Available to help you gain familiarity with key features, format and types of questions asked on the case study exam — you may take this practice exam as many times as you wish

Past exams and answers
Actual exams from past sittings that include pre-seen materials, exam questions, scoring guides, sample answers and remarks from the examiner

Pre-seen materials
Provide information about a fictitious organization based upon a real-life business or industry, and are the basis of the exam
You’ve established yourself and developed a strong foundation to get you to this point in your career. Now you’re ready to make the next move. The CGMA Program is the way you do it. You’ll become a more strategic, confident, secure and insightful leader with a stronger ability to influence and guide groups and decisions within your organization. And you’ll gain much, much more.
This chart provides a general idea of how long it will take you to complete the CGMA Program. Identify a persona that matches your career experience and position as closely as possible; you should have a general idea of the amount of time required to achieve the CGMA designation.

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<th>Persona</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Taylor</td>
<td>A 38-year-old senior manager in risk management at a high-tech company. She has four years of experience in public accounting and 10 years of experience in business.</td>
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<td>Ken</td>
<td>A 34-year-old audit manager with eight years of experience in a public accounting firm.</td>
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<td>Angela</td>
<td>A 42-year-old controller at a not-for-profit organization. She has 12 years of experience in public accounting and eight years of experience in business.</td>
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<td>Pat</td>
<td>A 25-year-old staff-level financial reporting professional at a consumer goods firm. She has three years of experience in business.</td>
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All times are approximations. Exam candidates should assess their own level of competency and work at their own pace.

**FUTURE AMBITIONS:** Entrepreneur
**TIME TO COMPLETE:** 2–3 months
**TOTAL HOURS:** 60–80 hours

**FUTURE AMBITIONS:** Finance Director
**TIME TO COMPLETE:** 3–4 months
**TOTAL HOURS:** 80–110 hours

**FUTURE AMBITIONS:** CFO
**TIME TO COMPLETE:** 2–3 months
**TOTAL HOURS:** 60–80 hours

**FUTURE AMBITIONS:** Sr. Finance Manager and eventually CFO
**TIME TO COMPLETE:** 5–6 months
**TOTAL HOURS:** 110–140 hours

AT 5–10 HOURS OF STUDY PER WEEK:
60–80 hours total or 2–3 months
80–110 hours total or 3–4 months
110–140 hours total or 5–6 months

**NEXT STEPS CHECKLIST**

☐ Conduct a self-assessment of skills using the CGMA Competency Framework
☐ Plan your training and create a timeline
☐ It is recommended you first complete competency-building learning two to six months prior to exam
☐ Complete exam strategy learning beginning about two months prior to exam
☐ Practice
  • A practice exam is available at any time and can be taken multiple times
  • Graded mock exams are included in both the live and video Exam Review Courses
  • Past exams and answers are posted on CGMA.org/exam

These preparation materials will be covered in depth in the Exam Video Review Course.
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