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Take CFP Courses and Earn Credits Toward an Athabasca University Business Degree

If you are a Canadian Institute of Financial Planning student or alumnus, you can now have your CFP CFP® Certification Program coursework credited toward Athabasca University business degree programs. Holders of the CFP Certificate in Financial Planning will be granted up to 12 transfer credits towards three- or four-year Bachelor of Management (BMgmt) or four-year Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) degrees.

This is an exclusive arrangement between Athabasca University and the CFP. You can also receive an additional 3 credits for earning the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® designation. If you have completed the Canadian Investments Funds Course or the Life License Qualification Program, you can receive 3 more credits for each program of studies.

In addition, Athabasca University offers a unique Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) process that evaluates non-formal (e.g., work-related) learning for credit towards its degrees. You prepare a self-assessment that is reviewed by a trained team knowledgeable in the applicable fields of study. Up to 21 credits for prior learning will be awarded in the four-year BMgmt and BComm degrees, and up to 15 credits in the three-year BMgmt degree.

You may begin our courses at any time of the year and work at your own pace and preferred schedule. All of our unpaced courses feature toll-free access to academic support over a wide range of times. This is the most flexible form of post-secondary education available in Canada. Several courses in the BMgmt and BComm degrees are also offered in paced, online format in the fall and winter terms. Further information about individualized study and e-classes, as well as the BMgmt and BComm degrees, can be found at <http://business.athabascau.ca/>.

For information about fees, please visit <http://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/>. Course registration fees cover all instructional materials, including textbooks, as well as online and telephone support. The full amount is deductible for tax purposes. You may apply for admission to the program at any time or find out more information by contacting the Athabasca University School of Business student advisors at sb@athabascau.ca, or by telephone at 1-888-449-8813.

By taking advantage of these significant transfer and prior learning assessment credits and online learning opportunities provided by Athabasca University, you can enhance personal, academic or career objectives without giving up a job, leaving home, or being tied to a fixed schedule. I am pleased that Athabasca University and the Canadian Institute of Financial Planning have been able to collaborate on this initiative.



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