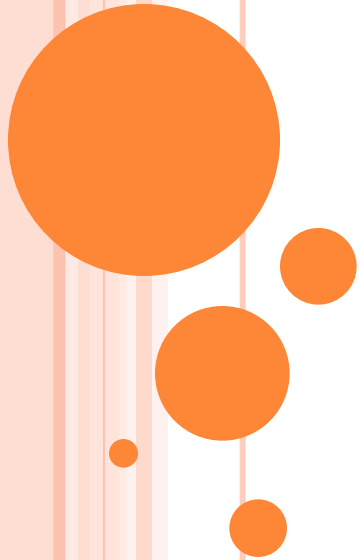


AICP EXAM PREPARATION

2011 MAP CONFERENCE IN BIG SKY



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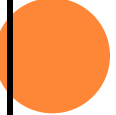
-CHARLES CALEB COLTON (1780-1832)

“EXAMINATIONS ARE
FORMIDABLE
EVEN TO THE BEST PREPARED,
FOR THE GREATEST FOOL MAY
ASK
MORE THAN THE WISEST MAN
CAN ANSWER.”



THE PASSING NUMBERS:

Year	Number	Passing %
1977	36	83
1987	598	54
1997	994	74
2008	1320	63



HOW TO APPLY WWW.PLANNING.ORG/AICP

Step 1

Bring your membership up to date

Step 2

Read the Exam Candidate Bulletin

Step 3

Submit the application and pay exam fees



HOW TO APPLY

Step 4

Send in your verification documents

Step 5

Make sure your application is complete

Step 6

Watch for an e-mail from APA - ATT



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

	Work Experience:
Graduate degree in Planning (PAB):	2 Years
Bachelor's degree in Planning (PAB):	3 Years
Graduate degree in Planning (Not PAB):	3 Years
Any other post-graduate, graduate, or undergraduate degree:	4 Years
No college degree:	8 Years



EXAM OVERVIEW

- Computer based exam
- Administered on a single day
- 15 minute online tutorial before exam
- 3½ hours, 170 questions, 150 scored*
- 15 minute survey after end of exam



EXAM CONTENT

- History, Theory and Law (15%)
- Plan Making and Implementation (30%)
- Functional Areas of Practice (25%)
- Spatial Areas of Practice (15%)
- Public Participation & Social Justice (10%)
- AICP Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct (5%)



COMPUTER TEST TUTORIAL

- http://www.planning.org/_offsite/certification/tutorial/
- Gives a feel for the exam
- A chance to practice using system
- How to mark answers, come back to them, submit the exam when finished.



RESOURCES

- [planning.org/certification/](https://www.planning.org/certification/)
- [planning.org/certification/examprep/subjectmatter.htm](https://www.planning.org/certification/examprep/subjectmatter.htm)
- [planning.org/certification/pdf/bulletin.pdf](https://www.planning.org/certification/pdf/bulletin.pdf)



RESOURCES

- planning.org/policy/guides/
- <http://courses.planetizen.com>
- <http://www.planningprep.com>
- <http://knowlton.osu.edu/ped>
- AICP Exam Prep Manual 2.0, APA
planning.org/certification/examprep



HOW TO PREPARE

- 80-100 hours of study
- Practice exams – take *lots* of them
- Flash cards
- Study groups



HOW TO PREPARE

- Read, read, read
- Know the **FACTS**
- Relax, **BREATH**, maintain a positive attitude
- Avoid cramming



HOW TO PREPARE – 48 HOURS

- Visit the test center. Know how to get there and how long it takes to get there!
- Re-read the Exam Candidate Bulletin
- Get out your photo ID
- Get a full night of sleep



HOW TO PREPARE – EXAM DAY!

- Wake a little early
- Take about 30 minutes to review factual questions (flash cards) **READ IT LIKE IT IS THE NEWSPAPER!**
- Eat breakfast
- Arrive at the testing center early



DURING THE EXAM!

- Read the answers first – on long or multiple part questions
- Skip questions don't know – go back to them later
- Take a few moments every 30 minutes to close your eyes and breath
- **Use all 3½ hours** - try to make it all the way through the test twice!



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THANK YOU!

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