



FOUR MONTH SPECIALIZED CREDENTIAL STUDY PLAN – ABV CREDENTIAL:

Four months prior to exam window:

Upon registering for the ABV Exam, candidates must read the [Registration & Scheduling Terms & Conditions](#). To begin preparing for the exam, candidates should review the [ABV Exam Content Specification Outline](#) (CSO) to obtain an overview of the BV body of knowledge covered in the ABV Exam. They should also review the associated references listed in the CSO. It is strongly recommended that candidates obtain copies of the most notable book references identified in the CSO as these are where the actual exam questions are derived from.

Once candidates have reviewed the CSO, they should then complete the [ABV Assessment Tool](#). The assessment tool should be utilized as a preliminary means to identify potential areas of strength or weakness regarding one's familiarity with the BV body of knowledge.

Three months prior to exam window:

Based upon areas of weakness identified in the [ABV Assessment Tool](#), candidates should utilize the combination of the CSO and its associated references to become more proficient in those areas. Candidates should also complete any applicable education provided by the AICPA that will compensate for such deficiencies. Examples of such education consist of, but are not limited to:

- [Introduction to Business Valuation](#) – 32 CPE hours (FVS member discount offered!)
- [Understanding Business Valuation](#) – 36 CPE hours (FVS member discount offered!)
- [Fair Value: A Critical New Skill for All CPAs](#) – 11 CPE hours
- [AICPA's Guide to Business Combinations, Goodwill & Other Consolidation Issues](#) – 8 CPE hours
- AICPA's Business Valuation School – 45 CPE hours (FVS member discount offered!) *NOTE: This course is normally offered between the months of May through July of each year in various locations throughout the US. Please check www.cpa2biz.com for registration availability. Also, check on potential pricing bundles included when registering for this course.*

Two months prior to exam window:

Register for and/or complete the AICPA's ABV Exam Review Course. This course is available in a [self-study format](#) and a group study format. The group study format is scheduled in June & November of each year. (NOTE: Please check www.cpa2biz.com for registration availability of the group study course. Also, check on potential pricing bundles and/or exam registration discounts when purchasing this course.)

One month prior to exam window:

Make sure you have received your Notification to Schedule letter. Upon receipt of receiving this letter, ensure you have scheduled your exam. Also, review the [Test Center Regulations](#) and view the [video](#) providing an overview of how the exam will look during your exam session.

During the Exam window: Take and pass the ABV exam! Good luck.

DISCLAIMER: The plan above is merely a recommendation on how to prepare for the ABV Exam. Following this plan is not a guarantee that a candidate would successfully pass the exam.