Welcome

Leverage Your Expertise in Information Relationships and Supporting Technologies

With the demand for greater transparency, you want to be assured that every potential threat to data integrity has been assessed and addressed, and that the information you or your clients present to shareholders is accurate. Staying on top of evolving standards and emerging technologies that have an impact on the important work that you do in audit or financial reporting is critical to your success.

Fortunately for CPAs with your abilities and interest in information management and technology assurance, the AICPA offers the Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP®) credential. This CPA-exclusive credential demonstrates your professional expertise and knowledge. It also signifies a commitment of excellence for your clients or organization and opens the door to career opportunities.

Are you ready to take the next step in your professional development? The CITP Roadmap illustrates five key points on the way to success.
JOIN

Join the Information Technology (IT) Section

The first step on the CITP Pathway is the AICPA’s Information Technology (IT) Section. Joining this section provides CPAs an unmatched breadth of technical resources, educational opportunities and networking events focused specifically for accounting professionals with your responsibilities – exactly what you need to maximize your information and systems knowledge to provide risk, fraud, internal control, audit and/or information management services within your firm or for your employer.

Expanding your competency and confidence while leveraging information relationships and supporting technologies helps you build your services, further define your expertise and compete more effectively. Having access to the right resources can make a big difference in your day-to-day operations.
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Join the Information Technology (IT) Section

The IT Section gives you instant access to:

- Toolkits
  - Business Intelligence Value Proposition Tool Kit
  - IT Considerations in Risk-Based Auditing
  - Top Technology Initiatives Master Toolkit
- News and Information
  - InfoTech Update
  - IT News
  - Quarterly Newsletters
- Other Resources
  - CPA Practice Advisor (A $49.95 value, free to section members)
  - Podcasts
  - Web Seminars with CPE Options

Membership also connects you with a community of peers immersed in information relationships and supporting technologies so you can:

- Exchange knowledge, best practices, ideas and opportunities with a network of information technology professionals on the LinkedIn subgroup for IT Section members
- Interact with some of the best and brightest thought leaders in the Information Management/Technology Assurance profession at conferences, web seminars, networking groups and on AICPA committees and task forces
- Access up-to-date information on advocacy efforts that specifically concern your area of specialization and stay informed by becoming a member of the IT Section

The IT Section offers exclusive member discounts that will easily pay for the annual $200 membership cost, including:

- Conference Discounts
- Products
  - BIRT onDemand
  - IDEA
  - Information Active
- Web Seminars – Free or purchase discounted CPE credit
- Technical resources, practice guides and white papers

See our New Member categories for Non-CPAs.

Discover more about IT Section membership at aicpa.org/infotech.
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The second point on the roadmap to the CPA/CITP is professional education. Self-study courses, web-based products and live educational events provide accounting professionals with the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the CPA/IT discipline and learn about timely issues and best practices. Although it is not a prerequisite for the educational courses, IT Section membership offers significant discounts.

Maximizing your information and systems knowledge helps you unlock new opportunities and enhance your information management and technology assurance services within your firm or for your employer.
Develop Specialized Knowledge Through Education

CPA/CITP credential holders have a specific experience, education and examination requirement that sets them apart from other CPAs. You can earn and maintain your educational requirements with courses, such as:

Live Courses
- IT Audit/Training Schools

Self-Study Courses and Guides
- Complete Guide to the CITP Body of Knowledge
- IFRS COMPASS: IT Systems Implications
- Quick Reference Guide to Service Organization Control Reports
- Service Organizations: Applying SSAE No. 16, Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization Guide (SOC 1)
- Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, or Privacy (SOC 2)

On-Demand Courses with CPE
- SERVICE ORGANIZATION CONTROL REPORTS—SOC 1, SOC 2, and SOC 3 On-Demand Series

Information Technology Web Seminars
- Cloud Computing Security and Governance: What Auditors Need to Know
- Data Retention Policies and Structure
- Information Security
- New Generation of SAS 70: Service Organization Control Reporting
- Top Technology Initiatives

Access to the archived library of previously aired web seminars

Conferences
- Annual AICPA Practitioners Symposium and TECH+ Conference
- Annual AICPA National Advanced Accounting and Auditing Technical Symposium
- Biennial AICPA Controllers Workshop

For more information on education, visit aicpa.org/infotech.
Now you are ready for the third point on the CPA/CITP Roadmap. You have to prepare for and pass the CITP Exam – it is the only way for a CPA to get the CITP credential. Fortunately, the AICPA offers resources, education and exam preparation to help familiarize you with the CITP body of knowledge.
There are four steps for preparing and passing the CITP Exam. Although several are not required to pass the exam, all are strongly recommended.

Step 1: Review the CITP Exam Content Specification Outline (optional)
This comprehensive resource guide can be found at aicpa.org/CITPexam. It provides the full body of knowledge for CPAs seeking the CITP credential. The following five areas are covered:
- Risk Assessment (10%-15% of exam content)
- Fraud Considerations (5%-10% of exam content)
- Internal Controls and Information Technology General Controls (25%-30% of exam content)
- Evaluate, Test and Report (15%-20% of exam content)
- Information Management and Business Intelligence (35%-40% of exam content)

Step 2: Enhance your knowledge with the Complete Guide to the CITP Body of Knowledge (optional)
The CITP Body of Knowledge represents the qualifying areas of information management and technology assurance knowledge for both business experience and education.

Step 3: Attend the AICPA IT Audit/Training Schools (optional)

Step 4: Pass the Exam
The CITP Examination is a four-hour multiple-choice exam offered at test centers located in the United States. With the mandatory exam implemented in July 2012, the exam will be offered twice a year during spring and fall exam windows.

To learn more about the exam, visit aicpa.org/CITPexam.
You’ve followed the CITP Roadmap through the CITP Exam and passed. Now you must apply for the credential. The Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP ®) credential is granted exclusively by the AICPA to CPAs who leverage technology to provide assurance or business insight about financial-related information (direct and indirect financial data, processes or reporting) to support their clients and/or employers.
As a CPA/CITP credential holder, you are fully entitled to the benefits provided to our IT Section members.

To qualify, a new CPA/CITP applicant must:
• Maintain an AICPA membership in good standing
• Hold a valid and unrevoked CPA certificate or license issued by a legally constituted state authority
• Have a minimum of 1,000 hours of CPA/CITP-related business experience or meet separate academia requirements in the CITP Application Kit
• Have a minimum of 75 hours of CPE relevant to the CITP body of knowledge
• Pass the CITP Examination

After passing the CITP Exam, a new CPA/CITP applicant must also:
• Complete the CITP credential application
• Sign the application's Declaration of Intent to comply with the requirements of CPA/CITP recertification (60 hours of CITP-related CPE every three years)
• Pay the credential fee

To learn more and apply for the CITP credential, visit aicpa.org/CITP.
The road does not end with the CITP credential. The fifth step is success. It is a continuous step involving effective tools and resources to serve your needs as a CITP credential holder. Whether you want to add services, enhance existing ones or market your CITP expertise, the AICPA and the Information Technology Section have numerous programs to guide you and help clients understand why they should select a CITP as their trusted business advisor.
Credential Only Resources
- CITP Marketing Toolkit: A suite of marketing resources specifically designed to help you promote your distinctive blend of information management and technology assurance expertise
- Find a CPA/CITP Database: A centralized searchable database that provides contact information for CITPs across the country
- Media Opportunities: CPA/CITP credential holders are often contacted for media opportunities in a wide range of platforms

Benefits and Resources to Build your Practice
CPA/CITP credential holders also have full access to IT Section benefits. Use these resources to help add or enhance your IT services.
- Practice Aids and White Papers
  - Top Technology Initiatives
  - An Overview of Data Management
  - Service Organization Controls Report
  - Financial System Considerations in IFRS Conversion Projects
  - IT Considerations in Risk-Based Auditing
- News and Information
  - InfoTech Update (monthly)
  - IT News (bi-monthly)
  - IT Newsletter (quarterly)

Opportunities to Influence the Profession and Make a Difference
Serving in a volunteer capacity, contributing to AICPA discussion forums and promoting the CPA/CITP brand are means to build a well-respected reputation and give back to the CPA profession. There are many ways members can contribute:
- Advocacy: Develop formalized responses to regulators and third parties
- Volunteer: Participate on task forces and committees
- Community Involvement: Interact on LinkedIn or serve as a speaker at AICPA events
- CITP Champion Program: Promote the CPA/CITP credential within your state and local community
- Mentoring and Networking: Work with CPAs with common interests and passion for the profession
- AICPA Publications: Author articles that highlight a specialty area and/or describe an issue, solution or technique learned in their practice or organization
No matter where you are on the CITP Pathway, the IT Section has the tools and resources you need to earn your CITP credential and reach your goals as a CPA professional in the information management and technology assurance field.

Explore the IT Section and see what membership can do for you. [aicpa.org/infotech](http://aicpa.org/infotech).

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