

Building Your Success

A significant part of our participants' success is due to the unique methodology of the Passing the CFA® course. Each course in the CFA® program is built on four pillars:

- 1. **An Early Start**
Most CFA® preparation courses begin in January, about five months before the CFA® Examination. Our courses start in late October, providing an extra 10 weeks for preparation and practice.
- 2. **Instructor Accessibility**
Michael is available seven days a week via e-mail and telephone and has regularly scheduled office hours — three hours per week every Saturday afternoon for the duration of the course.
- 3. **Augmented Source Material**
Our notes and audio lessons are derived from the CFA® prepared materials and augmented by Michael based on his expertise and experience.
- 4. **Constant Testing**
Each class begins with a quiz on the previous week's material. Throughout each course there are three tests, a half-exam, and, at the end of the course, a six-hour mock exam. This allows participants to measure their ranking relative to their peers.

Dear CFA® Candidate,

We have committed to ensuring that this is the best CFA® preparation course in the market. However, your success is also a direct function of your personal commitment and the level of time and effort you devote.

Once classes begin, history has shown that a time commitment of between 15 and 20 hours per week, each and every week, is required until the CFA® Examination. There are no shortcuts to success.

If you have additional questions, please contact me by calling **Nattaya Chaimahawong** at the School of Continuing Studies at **416-978-7208** or email **info.cfa@utoronto.ca**. Our staff will ensure that we connect sooner rather than later.

Good luck with your decision!

Michael Hlinka



University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies

Passing the CFA®



Michael Hlinka
Instructor, Passing the CFA®
School of Continuing Studies

Passing the CFA® Preparation

Since 2005, the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies has partnered with award-winning instructor and CBC business commentator Michael Hlinka to offer Passing the CFA® preparation courses, designed to prepare participants for the CFA® Level I, II, and III Examinations. In addition to preparation for the traditional June exam sittings, we have a course for the Level I December exam. Over the past ten years, we've helped more than 1900 professionals prepare for the CFA® exams.

Success Rates

Our participants have been extremely successful. Our pass rates regularly fall within the low to high-80% range. We are proud of our students' performance and post the pass rates on the School's website at **learn.utoronto.ca**.

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“Michael Hlinka’s excellent ‘Passing the CFA®’ series of courses hits all the key factors required to succeed on the CFA® exam including an early start in October, use of the original CFA® textbooks, keeping to a disciplined study program through weekly classes and tests, and exceptional teaching.”

Jody Maillet
Senior Underwriter,
The Guarantee Company of North America

Our Passing the CFA®Exam Success Methodology

We have a unique, customized methodology designed to meet the special needs of busy professionals.

Prior to each lecture, participants will receive a 60-minute audio pre-lesson covering key concepts and the most difficult material in the forthcoming session.

During lectures, the instructor will focus on the most difficult concepts.

After the lecture, participants are expected to read the CFA®source material as directed, followed by weekly self-tests designed to help evaluate mastery of that session’s study materials.

Support is provided by the instructor either through an in-person meeting during scheduled office hours, by email, or by telephone.

Finally, each week, participants are expected to take time to review the key concepts from previous study sessions.

“Passing the CFA®is an excellent course that provides the necessary rigor, practice and contextual understanding needed to pass the examinations.”

Arjun Kumar
Senior Investment Analyst,
Sprucegrove Investment Management Ltd.

Office Hours

Instructor office hours occur regularly on:

OCTOBER 28 – DECEMBER 16, 2017
Saturdays: 1:00 to 5:00p.m.

JANUARY 6 – MAY 19, 2018
Saturdays: 1:00 to 5:00p.m.

Tests & Mock Exams

The schedule for the tests and mock exams, an integral component of the program, will be distributed at the first class. All tests and mock exams will be written on Saturdays.

Tuition for each course is \$3,150 plus applicable taxes.

Passing the CFA®Level I December Exam -Accelerated

Examination:
DECEMBER 2017 SITTING

SEPTEMBER 7 – NOVEMBER 18, 2017
Thursdays: 6:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.
Saturdays: 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 22

Instructor:
• Michael Hlinka

Passing the CFA®Level I Examination: JUNE 2018 SITTING

OCTOBER 30 – DECEMBER 18, 2017
& JANUARY 3 – APRIL 2, 2018
Mondays: 6:30 to 9:15p.m.

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 22 classes plus
5 test and exam sittings

Instructor:
• Michael Hlinka

Passing the CFA®Level II Examination: JUNE 2018 SITTING

NOVEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 19, 2017
& JANUARY 4 – APRIL 4, 2018
Wednesdays: 6:30 to 9:15p.m.

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 22 classes plus
5 test and exam sittings

Instructor:
• Michael Hlinka

Passing the CFA®Level III Examination: JUNE 2018 SITTING

OCTOBER 28 – DECEMBER 16, 2017
& JANUARY 6 – APRIL 7, 2018
Saturdays: 9:30 to 12:15p.m.

NUMBER OF SESSIONS: 22 classes plus
5 test and exam sittings

Instructor:
• Michael Hlinka

Our Guarantee

We are committed to your success. If, upon completion of your in-class course, you write the CFA®exam and do not pass, you may attend the School’s next in-class Passing the CFA® exam course at no tuition charge, paying only the \$500 materials and administrative fee.

* Some conditions apply - ask your instructor for details

University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies meets the needs of adult learners through expertly designed non-degree courses delivered by instructors who are recognized leaders in their fields. Many of our programs can lead to professional accreditation. Building on the momentum of our students’ success, we’ve earned a global reputation as innovators in continuing education.

To register, or for more information, call **416-978-2400**, email **info.cfa@utoronto.ca**, or visit:

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