

The GPC Certification: The reality, the process, the changes, and the future.

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- The GPC credential is legally defensible. It is a certification (not a certificate).
- Only 10% of certification bodies are accredited in the United States; the Grant Professionals Certification Institute (GPCI) is one of them.
- Certification exams must be updated periodically to remain relevant.
 - 175 questions in current exam; 4-hour multiple choice, plus the written portion.
- Has ~95% pass rate currently. The exam is designed so that a “minimally competent” applicant is able to pass.
- Some funders now recognize and appreciate the GPC, especially federal funders. The more GPCs out there, the more funders will recognize the credential.
- Recent changes: no longer a reduced exam fee for GPA members.

GPC Eligibility & FAQs

- <https://www.grantcredential.org/> GPCI website is full of resources!
- Basic eligibility: 3-5 years grant pro experience, depending on education, within past five years; plus 5 grant awards in past seven years.
- Preparation: competencies list, study guides, literature review, study groups, etc.
- Exam fee is \$639; scholarships are available.
- Oregon now has 9 GPCs; Washington has 10 GPCs.
- Next GPC Fireside Chat - December 10, 2025 at 9:00 am.