# Becker

## Bienvenidos INFO-SESSION 2024



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## Reasons to become a Certified Public Accountant

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The NEW Uniform CPA Exam - Structure & Content – 2024 and beyond

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## The CPA Exam facts

Passing score on a scale of 0-99

**75** 

Exam can be taken in

ANY STATE

or jurisdiction

30 months
Time to pass all four parts





# Core



### **Fare - Structure**

## 4 Hours



Testlet # 1



Testlet # 2

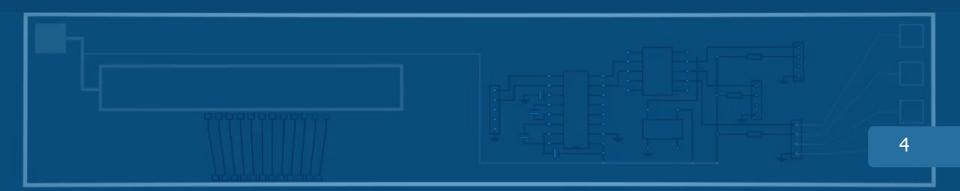


**Testlet # 3-# 5** 

25 Multiple Choice Questions

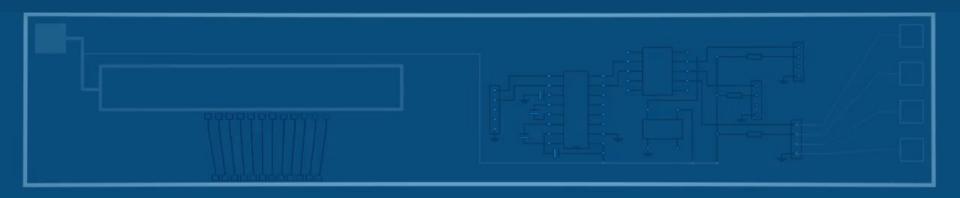
25 Multiple Choice Questions

7 Task based Simulations



## **Financial - Content**

Content area		Allocation	
Area I	Financial Reporting	30-40%	
Area II	Select Balance Sheet Accounts	30-40%	
Area III	Select Transactions	25-35%	



## **Auditing - Structure**

## 4 Hours



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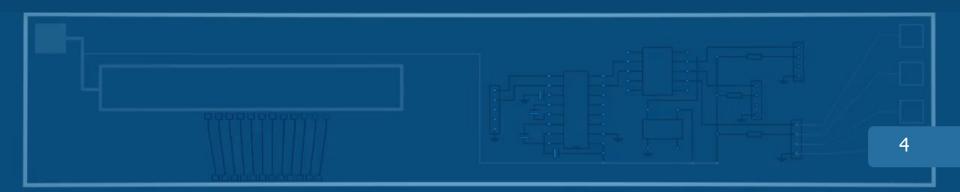


**Testlet # 3-# 9** 

38 Multiple Choice Questions

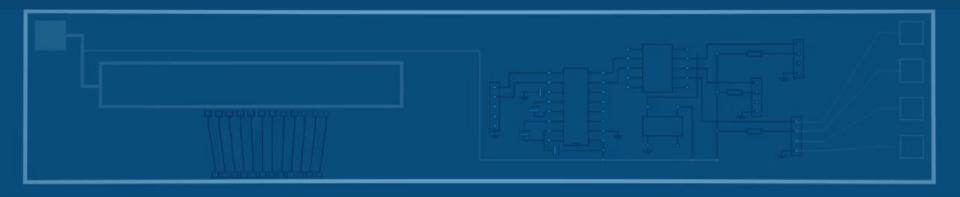
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## **Audit - Content**

Content area		Allocation
Area I	Ethics, Professional Responsibilities and General Principles	15-25%
Area II	Assessing Risk and Developing a Planned Response	25-35%
Area III	Performing Further Procedures and Obtaining Evidence	30-40%
Area IV	Forming Conclusions and Reporting	10-20%



## **Regulation - Structure**

## 4 Hours



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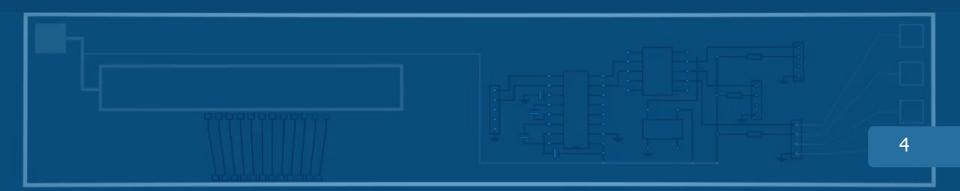


**Testlet # 3-#10** 

36 Multiple Choice Questions

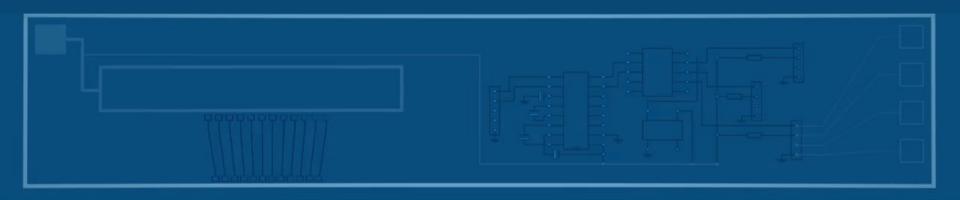
36 Multiple Choice Questions

8 Task based Simulations



## **Regulation - Content**

Content area		Allocation
Area I	Ethics, Professional Responsibilities and Federal Tax Procedures	10-20%
Area II	Business Law	15-25%
Area III	Federal Taxation of Property Transactions	5-15%
Area IV	Federal Taxation of Individuals	22-32%
Area V	Federal Taxation of Entities (including tax preparation)	23-33%



# Discipline Specialization

## Exam – Choose One Discipline

3 Disciplines



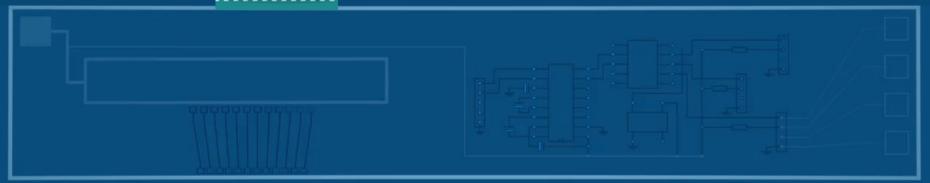
Business Analysis & Reporting (BAR) **4 hours** 



Information Systems and Controls (ISC) **4 hours** 



Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP) 4 hours



## **Business Analysis and Reporting - Structure**

## 4 Hours



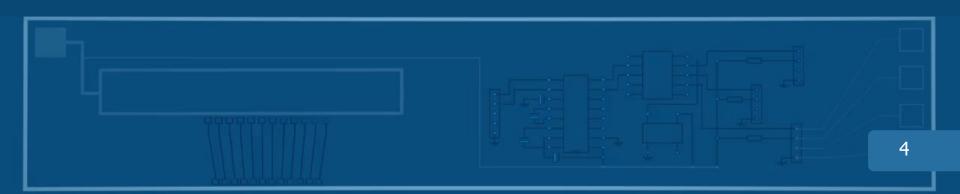




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7 Task based Simulations



#### Business Analysys and Reporting - Content

#### Business analysis and Reporting (BAR)



Business Analysis and Reporting (BAR)

- + Data analytics
- + Financial risk management/planning
- + Technical accounting and reporting
- State and local government accounting

- + Auditor at a public accounting firm
- Work in the accounting department at a corporation
- + Controller
- + Chief accountant
- + CFO or CEO



Content	Allocation	
Area I	Business Analysis	40-50%
Area II	Technical Accounting and Reporting	35-45%
Area III	State and Local Governments	10-20%

## **Information Systems and Controls - Structure**

## 4 Hours



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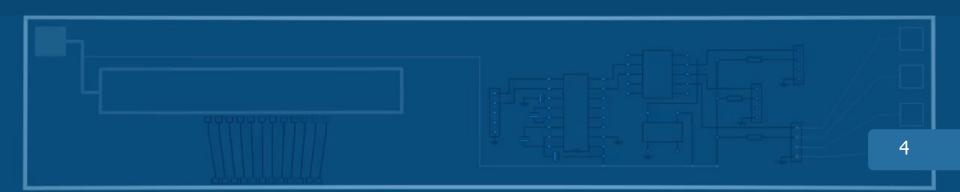


**Testlet # 3-# 9** 

25 Multiple Choice Questions

25Multiple Choice Questions

7 Task based Simulations



#### Information Systems and Controls - Content

#### Information Systems and Controls (ISC)



Content	Content area			
Area I	Information Systems and Data Management	35-45%		
Area II	Security, Confidentiality, and Privacy	35-45%		
Area III	Considerations for System and Organization Controls (SOC) Engagements	15-25%		

## **Tax Compliance and Planning - Structure**

## 4 Hours



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Testlet # 2

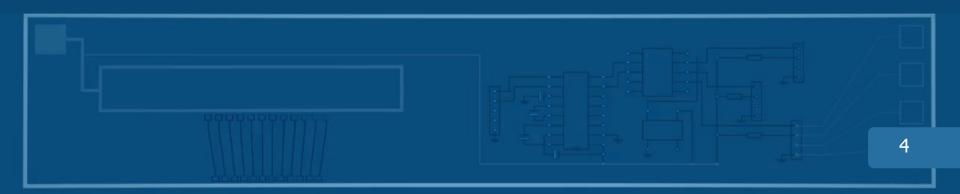


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34 Multiple Choice Questions

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#### Tax Compliance and Planning - Content



Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP)

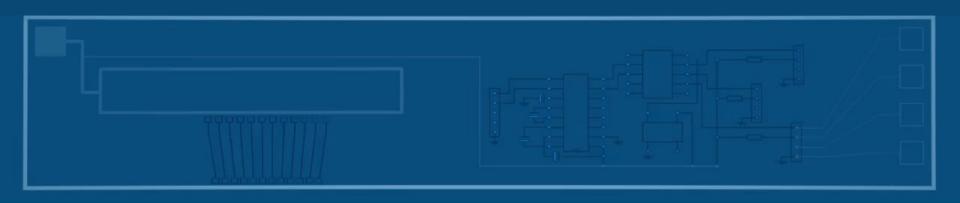
- Advanced individual tax compliance
- + Personal financial planning
- Advanced entity tax compliance/planning
- \* Property transactions

- + Tax Analyst
- + Tax Compliance Officer
- Work for the tax department within a company, a public accounting firm, the government, banks, or hedge funds
- \* Manage your own tax practice

Content area		Allocation
Area I	Tax Compliance and Planning for Individuals and Personal Financial Planning	30-40%
Area II	Entity Tax Compliance	30-40%
Area III	Entity Tax Planning	10-20%
Area IV	Property Transactions (disposition of assets)	10-20%

## **CPA Evolution - 2024**

- Biggest changes since the exam became computerized
- Launches on January 1, 2024
- Nasba approved an amendment increases credit for 12 extra months
- Now instead of 18 months, they appporved 30 months
- Change was approved by the PR Board of Accountancy
- Expiration window will run from date of score release, not date of exam



## 2024 Recommended CPA Exam Order

If **Business analysis & reporting (BAR)** is the discipline you selected:

- 1. Financial accounting and reporting (FARE)
- 2. Business analysis and reporting -continuation of Fare
- 3. Audit or Regulation

If <u>Information systems & controls</u> is the discipline you selected:

- 1. Financial accounting and reporting (FARE)
- 2. Regulation
- 3. Audit
- 4. Information systems and controls

If Tax compliance & planning is the discipline you selected:

1. NO NO NO!!!!!!



## How to Become a CPA



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## **Passing Rates**



#### CPA EXAM PASS RATES



#### **CPA Exam Pass Rates**

				2023	
Section	2021	2022	Q1	Q2	Cumulative
AUD	47.98%	47.90%	47.01%	48.24%	47.68%
BEC	61.94%	59.85%	56.98%	59.16%	58.25%
FAR	44.54%	43.76%	41.82%	42.78%	42.30%
REG	59.88%	59.85%	58.63%	59.71%	59.22%

## Administrative issues



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## Application Process – New

120 credits

24 accounting credits

**CPA Review** 

4 credits toward the 120 credits

3 credits toward the 24 accounting credits (Fare, Regulation, and Auditing only)

Students will be allowed to sit for the CPA exam while studying his/her final semester

3.00 GPA in accounting courses

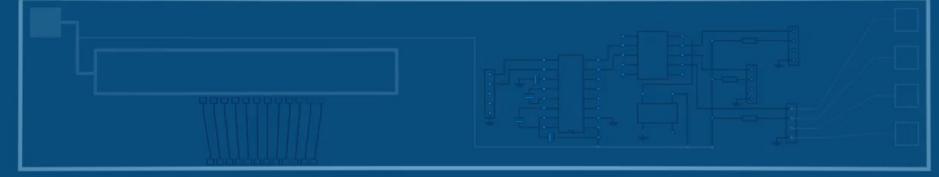
Letter from Accounting Department Head



## The Exam – Administrative Issues

- Calendar year divided into quarters.
- Candidates can sit for one or more parts during any testing window, and in any order.
- Candidates <u>will be</u> allowed to retake a section(s) within the same examination window CONTINUOUS TESTING
- Exam can be taken in any state or jurisdiction
- Exam is administered at Prometrics Testing Center

75% to pass



## **News from the PR State Board of Accountancy**

#### La Junta de Contabilidad de Puerto Rico nos informa:

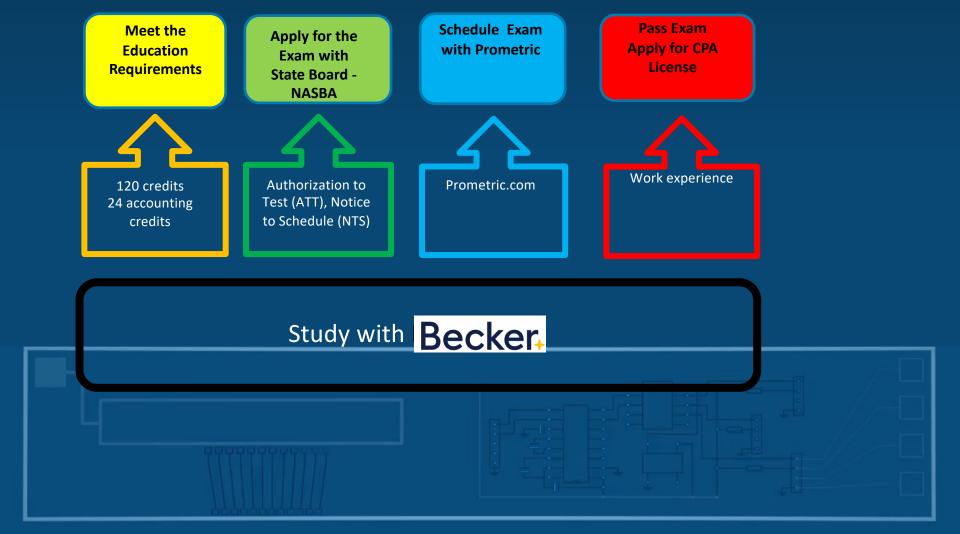
- Aprobaron cambios a los requisitos para sentarte al examen de CPA
- El reglamento con los cambios esta en borrador y se espera sea oficial en o antes de 12/31/2023
- Los cambios son:
  - 120 créditos universitarios (en vez de 150 créditos)
  - 24 créditos en contabilidad (en vez de 32 créditos)
- Para obtener la licencia de CPA:
  - Debe aprobar 150 créditos universitarios en o antes de tres años luego de aprobar las 4 partes
  - De no aprobar los 150 créditos en 3 años deberá aprobar créditos de educación continuada

## Exam News

## 2024 Test Administration Schedule / Score Release Timeline\*

QUARTER	CORE TEST DATES	CORE SCORE REPORTS	DISCIPLINE TEST DATES	DISCIPLINE SCORE REPORTS
24Q1	JAN 10 - MAR 26	JUN 4	JAN 10 - FEB 6	APR 24
24 <b>Q</b> 2	APR 1 - JUN 25	JUL 31	APR 20 - MAY 19	JUN 28
24 <b>Q</b> 3	JUL 1 - SEP 25	APPROX NOV 1	JUL 1 - 31	SEP 10
24Q4	OCT 1 - DEC 26	EARLY FEB 2025**	OCT 1 - 31	DEC 10

## Steps to Become a US CPA



## Why Becker?

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## Nuestra Diferencia

- •Más del 95% de los que apueban el CPA estudiaron con Becker
- Clases en español y en inglés (Unicos en PR)
- •Profesores universitarios con más de 27 años en el coaching (unicos en PR)
- Power points preparados por los profesores en PR (Unicos en PR)
- Adapt-to-you Technology inteligencia artificial (Unicos en PR)
- One on one academic support
- •Videos explicativos de TODAS las simulaciones (Unicos en PR)
- Clases de TODOS los tópicos (Unicos en PR)

# The leader in CPA Exam prep for 60+ years

## A legacy of learning for a lifetime of success

### 1 million +

Candidates have prepared with Becker

## The top 100

Accounting firms rely
on

Becker for their staff's exam preparation

#### 90% +

of Watt Sells award winners (2005-2020) prepared with Becker

## 2,900 +

Accounting firms, corporations, alliances, government agencies and universities choose Becker



**CPA Exam sections passed** 

according to Becker
CPA Exam Day Ready<sup>SM</sup> students\*

## Becker CPA Exam Review

•Partnerships with the Big 4 and 98 of the top 100 accounting

firms

- Ernst & Young
- Price Waterhouse
- •Deloitte & Touche
- •KPMG
- Galindez LLC
- Driven
- Kevane Grant Thornton
- •RSM
- •Rivera, Rodríguez & Toro
- •Landa
- Alvarado Tax



# Our package

BECKER CPA REVIEW ES LA CUNA DE LOS CPA'S EN PUERTO RICO EL CURSO CON TODAS LAS HERRAMIENTAS PARA LOGRAR ESTAR:

## EXAM DAY READY



#### Becker CPA Exam Review Product Enhancements for CPA Evolution





Live

Live

Live – Online por Zoom en español



Online

Online

Dedicated online instructors – en inglés



Self-Study

Self-Study

Anytime
Anywhere –
pre-grabados
en inglés

#### **Textbooks**

Financial 1

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- 3. An active program to locate a buyer has been initiated.
- The sale of the component is probable and the sale is expected to be complete within one year.
- The sale of the component is being actively marketed.
- Actions required to complete the sale make it unlikely that significant changes to the plan will be made or that the plan will be withdrawn.

#### U.S. GAAP VS. IFRS

Under IFRS, before a component can be classified as held-for-sale, the individual assets and liabilities of the component must be measured in accordance with applicable standards and any resulting gains and losses must be recognized. After classification as held-for-sale, the component is reported at the lower of carrying value and fair value less costs to sell. U.S. GAAP does not require remeasurement of individual assets and liabilities before classification as held-for-sale, but the classification of a component as held-for-sale does trigger an impairment analysis of the component.

#### III. ACCOUNTING RULES

#### A. Types of Entities to be Considered

The results of operations of a component of an entity will be reported in discontinued operations if either the component:

- Has been disposed of, or
- Is classified as held for sale.

#### B. Conditions that Must be Present

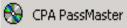
All related costs shall be recognized when the obligations to others exist, not necessarily in the period of commitment to a plan. **Both** of the following conditions must be met in order to report in discontinued operations the results of operations of a component that has been disposed of or is held for sale:

- Hard copy and "preannotated" e-Book included with every course.
- Comprehensive and exceptionally easy to use.
- Organized by the topics tested on the CPA exam.
- Includes hundreds of past exam questions.

#### Course Software & Course Manual

#### Course Software contains:

- Introductory video & tutorials
- Multiple choices and simulations
- Study planner



Course Introduction and Tutorials - Start Here

Export Homework Statistics for Online Course

CPA Simulations and Final Exam (CBT)

Remove Authorization Before Un-Install

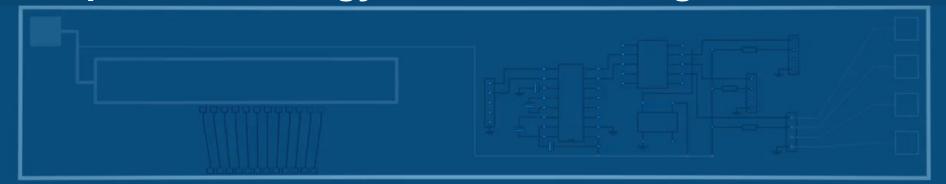
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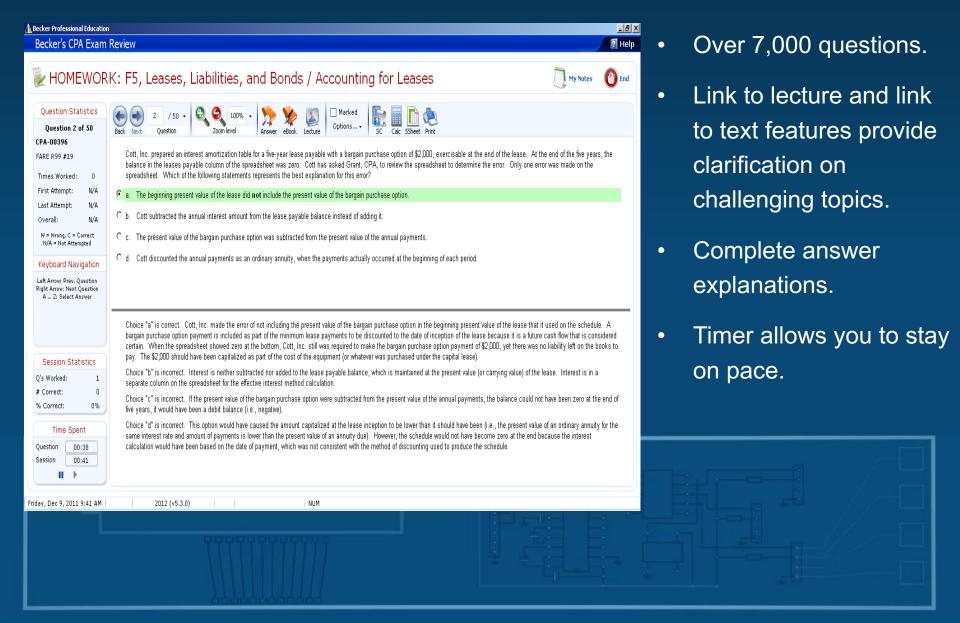
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Videos

E-books

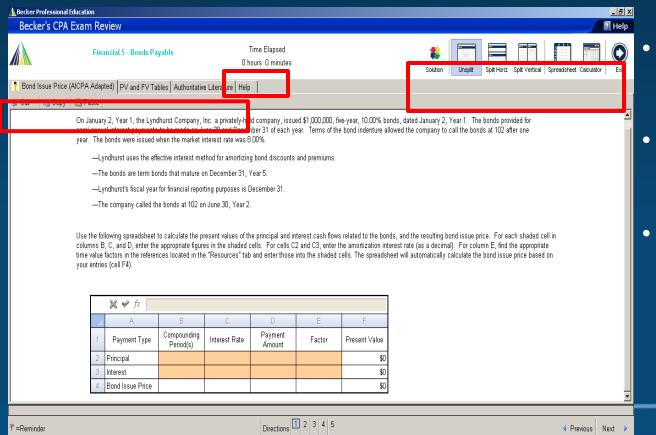
#### Adapt2U technology – artificial intelligence





#### Simulations

=Reminder



- Over 400 task-based simulations.
- **Functionality mirrors** the CPA Exam.
- Timer allows you to stay on pace.

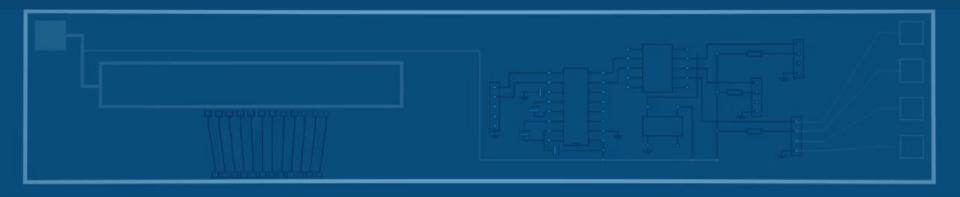
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#### **Mobile Flash Cards**

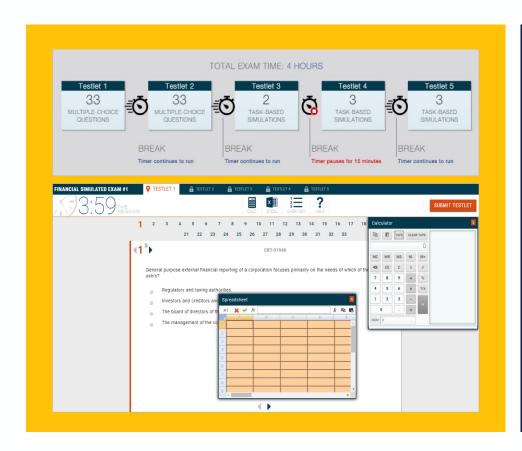
With their portability and ease-of-use, flashcards are a highly flexible preparation resource:

- Use flashcards as a study group resource.
- Find a study partner and alternate between asking and answering.
- Keep cards handy to study whenever you have downtime.





#### Simulated exams



Simulated exams feature new questions not used within the course, written by knowledgeable instructors. Everything from timing to structure is based on the actual CPA Exam to help you plan for the real thing.

- → 3 simulated exams per section
- ★ Two are weighted according to the exam
- One is a comprehensive review designed to help students identify areas of opportunity

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#### **Further preparation**



### 1-1 AcademicSupport

Get a response within 48 hours



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Base &
Study
Groups

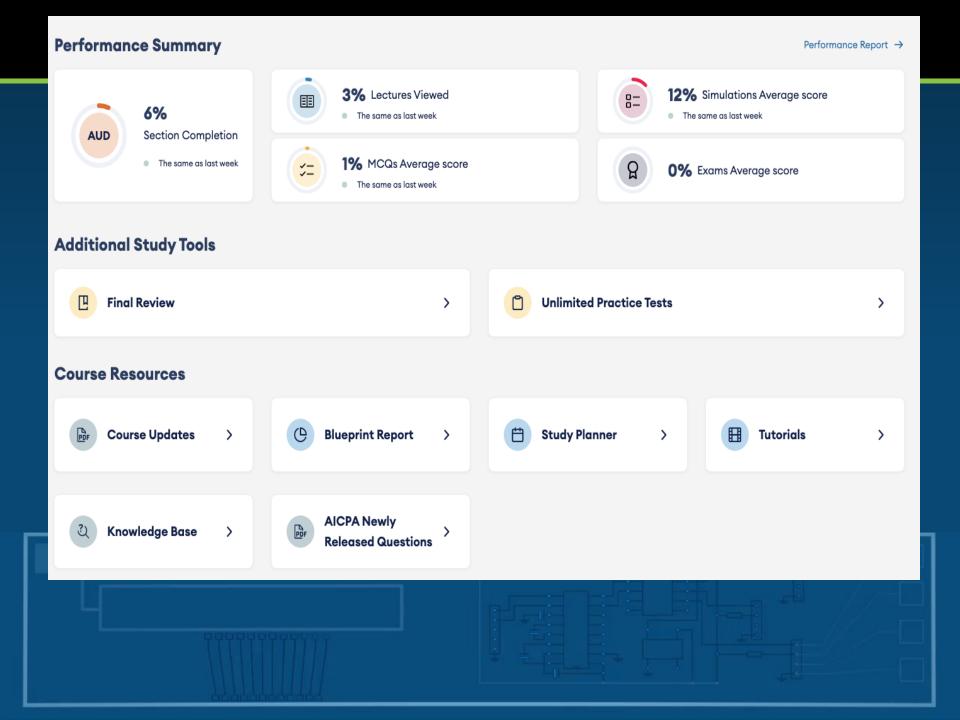


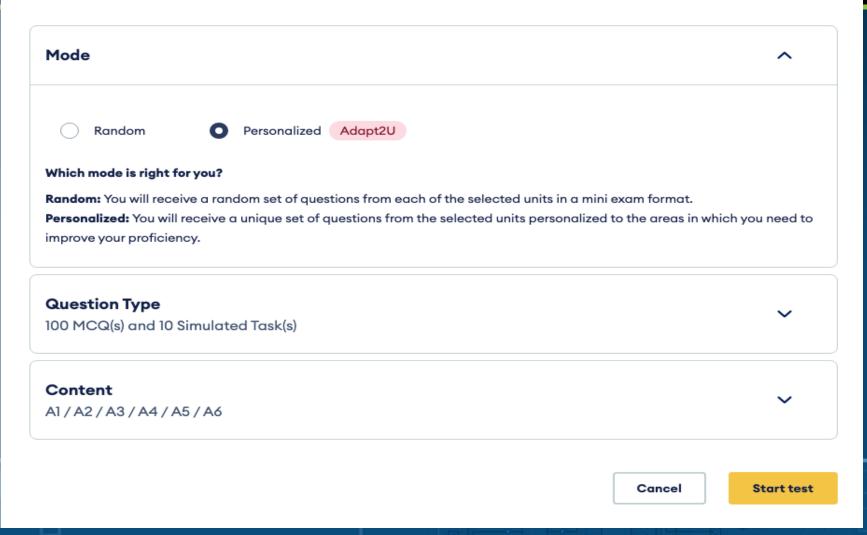
#### Exam Day

#### Ready Tracker

- 80%+ lecture completion
- 80% + correct answers
- 50% correct answers on Mini exams & simulated exams

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	Aud	liting Report									8
			Lectures	Multiple	e Choice Q	uestions	Simulo	ations		EDR	
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# CPAOur software - Adapt2U Technology

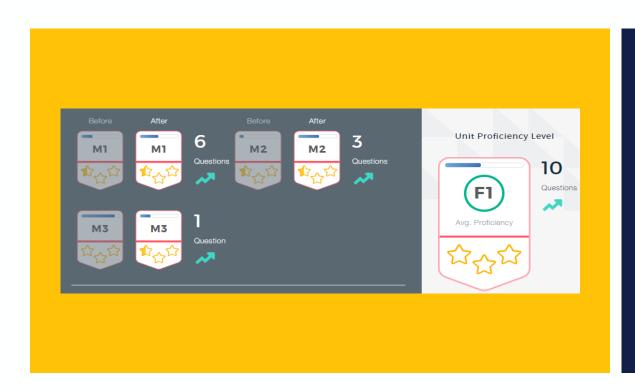


#### **Becker CPA Review**

#### **Personalized learning**

BECKER EXCLUSIVE +





Adapt2U Technology, powered by Sana Labs' award-winning AI delivers personalized, dynamic learning

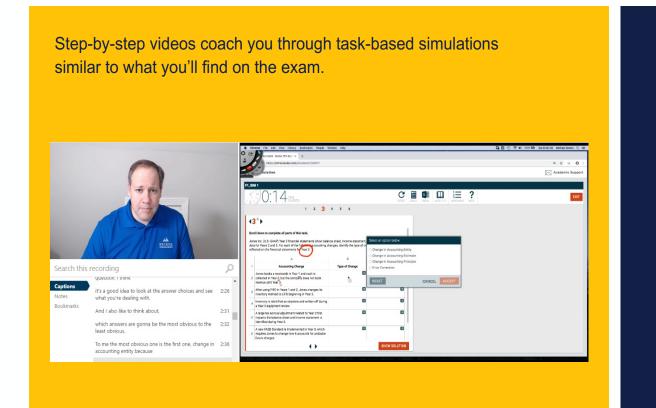
- Constantly assesses your knowledge
- Tailors study areas for improvement
- Personalized review sessions at the end of each module show your strengths and where you can improve
- Preassessment to determine what you already know to optimize study time

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#### **SkillMaster videos**

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### More than 400 examples cover:

- Knowledge of how to deconstruct problems
- Problem-solving and timemanagement strategies
- Tips on applying concepts and real-world situations

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# Our local instructors





#### **Eva Quinones**

- CPA
- MBA Texas at Austin
- Fare & Business instructor
- Since 1995 28 years
- UPR instructor Mayaguez Campus



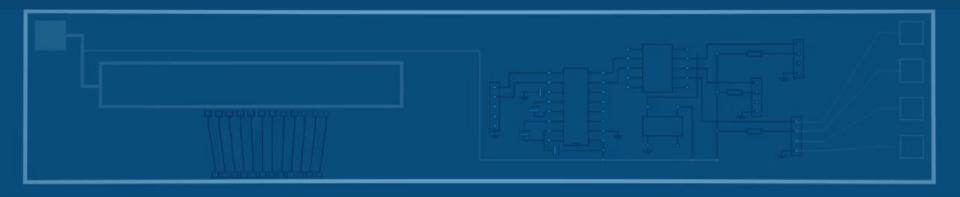
#### Kenneth Rivera Robles

- CPA y abogado
- Since 1995 28 years
- UPR instructor Leyes
- <u>Tax</u> partner in charge FPV Galindez



#### Juan M. Garcia Merced

- CPA
- MBA Madison WI 1985
- Audit instructor
- Since 1988 35 years
- UPR instructor San Juan campus
- Treasurer of the PR Society of CPAs (2012-2013)



# Advantage & Premium Packages

#### Arrangements - Advantage



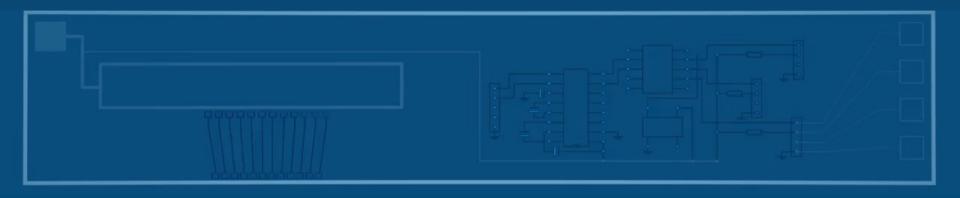
Clases en vivo y/o a distancia

Libros de texto

Programa de computadoras que incluye alternativas múltiples, examenes finales, simulaciones y los "flash cards" digitales. El programa de computadoras es válido por 24 meses y se permite extenderlo por 90 dias al proveer un "Notice to Schedule" vigente.

Puede financiarlo a 4 meses





#### **Local Arrangements Premium**

4 parts – First time candidates (Live On line or Home study) \$2,595

Clases en vivo por Zoom y/o a distancia

Libros de texto

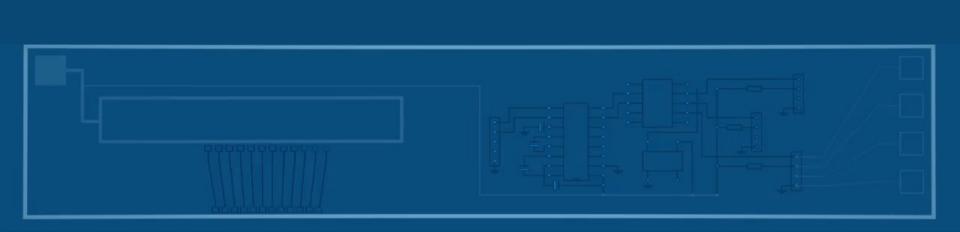
Programa de computadoras que incluye alternativas múltiples, videos en inglés de todas las clases, examenes finales, simulaciones y los "flash cards" digitales. El programa de computadoras es válido de por vida al proveer un "Notice to Schedule" vigente.

Puede financiarlo a 4 meses

Final Review – incluye libro adicional y acceso a plataforma digital

Alternativas multiples suplementarias

Uso del programa de por vida (restricciones)

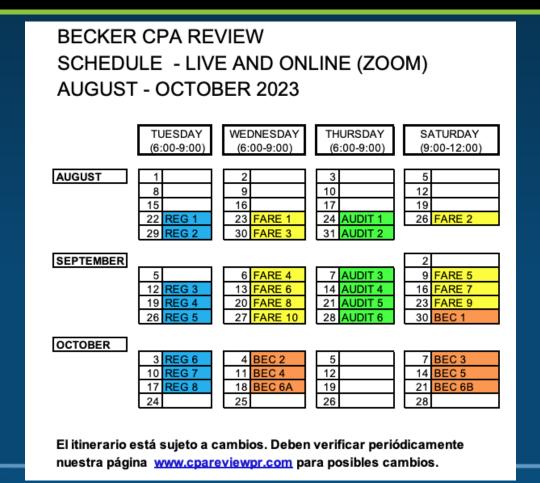




## Current Schedule



#### 2023 SCHEDULE



#### **New Becker**

#### Becker.com/ New-Becker

- Launch Announcement
- Lecture Video Examples
- Transition Details







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