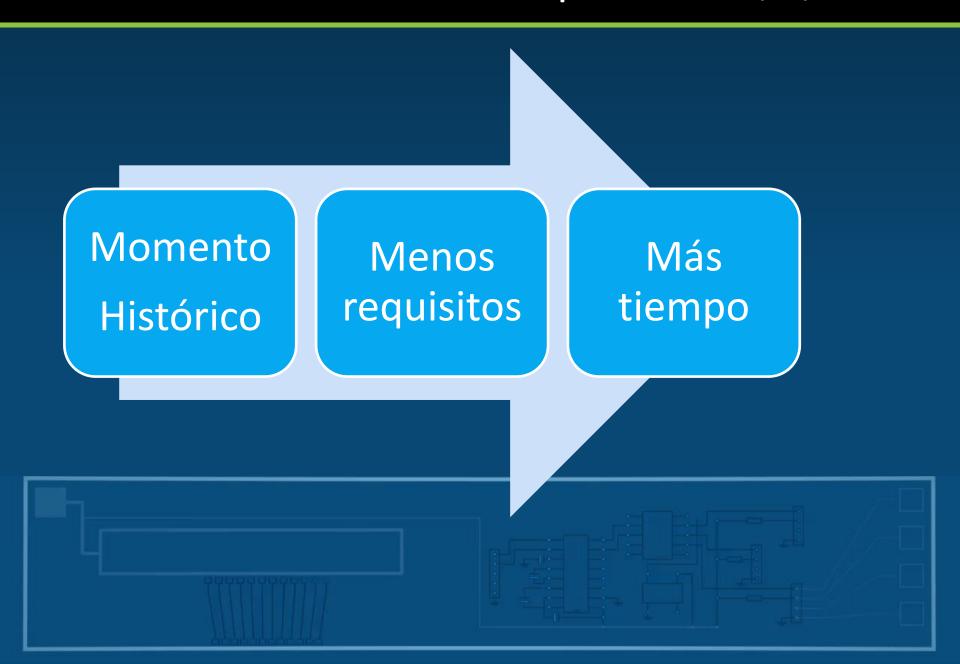
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El Nuevo Examen de CPA A partir de 7/1/2024



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

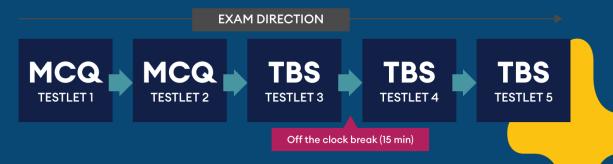
Exam can be taken in

ANY STATE

or jurisdiction

30 months
Time to pass all four parts





Core (Obligatorios)

Financial accounting & reporting

Regulation

Audit

In any order

Financial Accounting & Reporting - Structure

4 Hours



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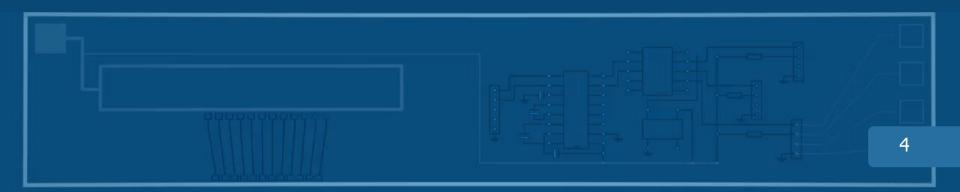


Testlet # 3-# 5

25 Multiple Choice Questions

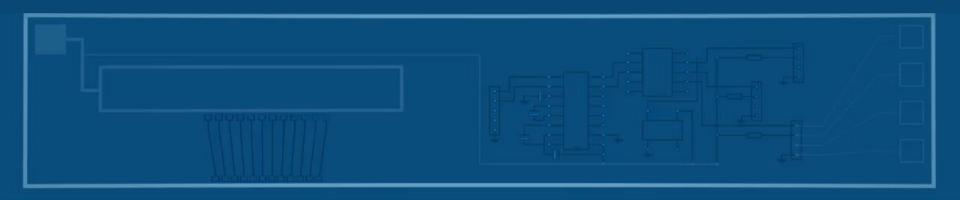
25 Multiple Choice Questions

7 Task based Simulations



Financial - Content

Content a	rea	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



Testlet # 1



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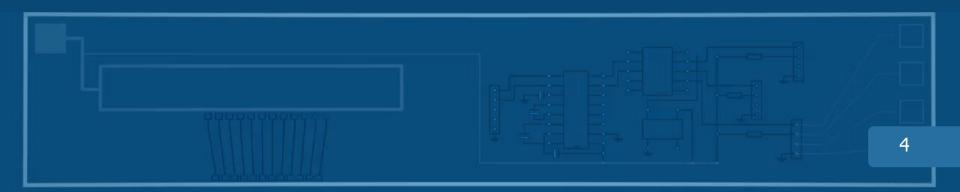


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39 Multiple Choice Questions

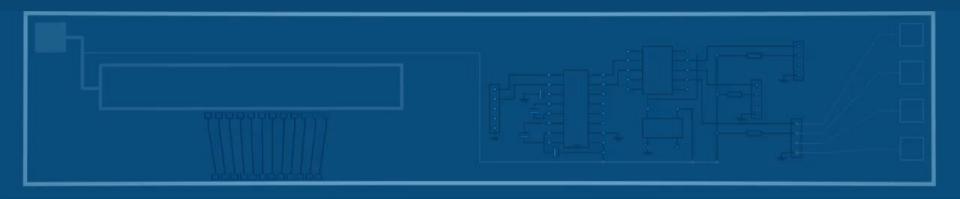
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7 Task based Simulations



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



Testlet # 1



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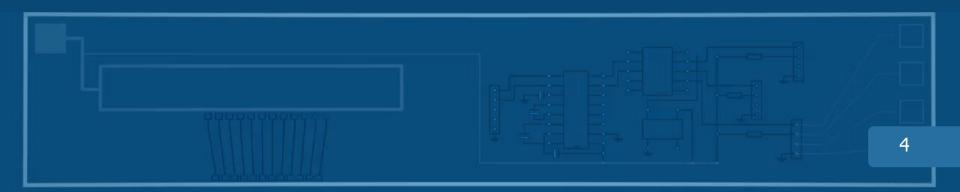


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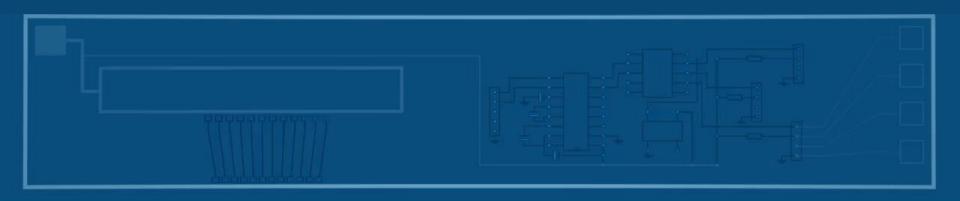
36 Multiple Choice Questions

8 Task based Simulations



Regulation - Content

Content a	rea	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 – a escoger 1



Exam – Choose One Discipline

3 Disciplines



Business Analysis & Reporting (BAR)

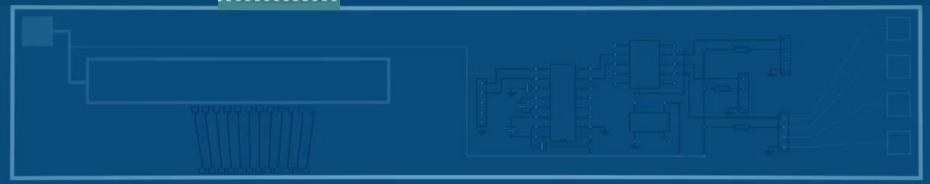
4 hours – "Continuación de Fare"



Information Systems and Controls (ISC) 4 hours – "Continuación de Audit"



Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP)
4 hours - "Continuación de
Regulation"



Business Analysis and Reporting - Structure

4 Hours



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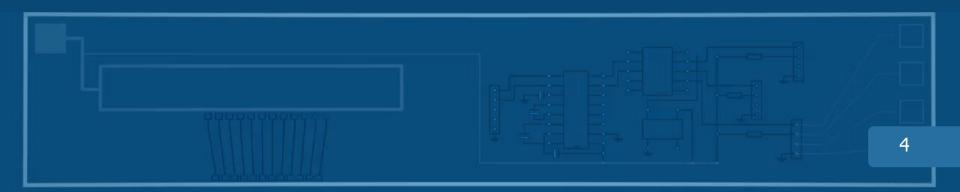


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25 Multiple Choice Questions

25Multiple Choice Questions

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

Intangibles, Revene recognition (advanced topics), Stock compensation, Consolidations, Derivatives, Leases, Segment and public company reporting topics & Employee benefit plans

Information Systems and Controls - Structure

4 Hours



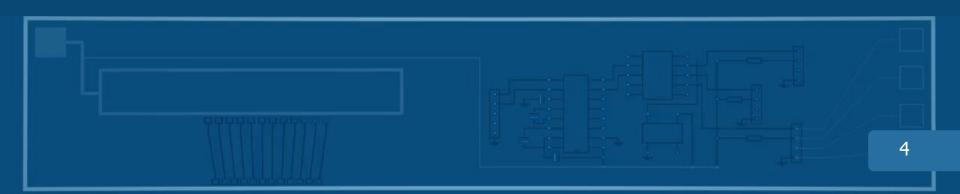




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7 Task based Simulations



Information Systems and Controls - Content

Information Systems and Controls (ISC)



Area II Security, Confidentiality, and Privacy 35–45% Considerations for System and Organization Controls (SOC) Engagements S5-45% 15-25%	Content	Allocation	
Considerations for System and Area III Organization Controls (SOC) 15-25%	Area I		35-45%
Area III Organization Controls (SOC) 15-25%	Area II	Security, Confidentiality, and Privacy	35-45%
	Area III	Organization Controls (SOC)	15-25%

Tax Compliance and Planning - Structure

4 Hours



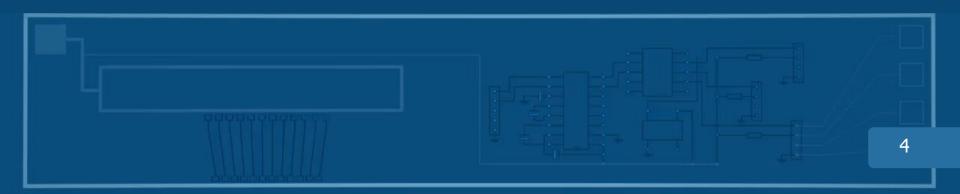




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7 Task based Simulations



Tax Compliance and Planning - Content



Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP)

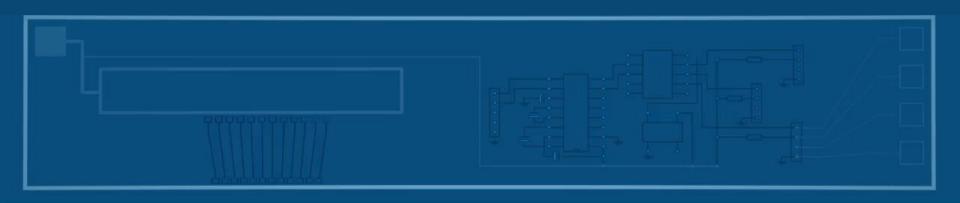
- Advanced individual tax compliance
- + Personal financial planning
- Advanced entity tax compliance/planning
- + Property transactions

- + 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	Content area			
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

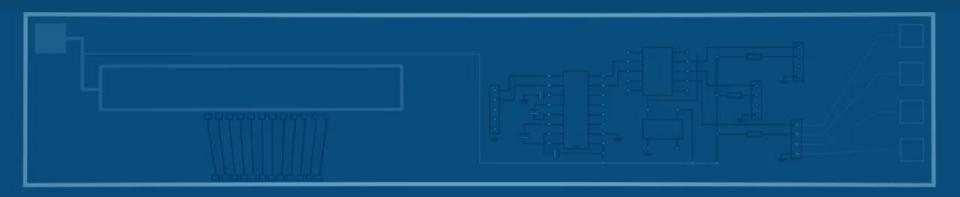
- Biggest changes since the exam became computerized
- Launched on January 1, 2024
- Nasba approved an amendment increases credit for 12 extra months
- Now instead of 18 months, 30 months to pass all 4
- Change was approved by the PR Board of Accountancy
- Expiration window will run from date of score release, not date of exam



Application Process – New 6/15/2024

Requisitos para sentarse al examen:

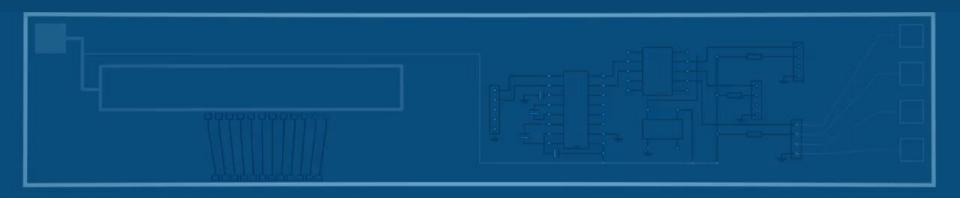
- 120 créditos universitarios
- 24 créditos en contabilidad
- Becker CPA Review 4 créditos para los 120 créditos
 4 créditos para los 24 en contabilidad



Application Process – New 6/15/2024

Requisitos para la licencia de CPA:

- 150 créditos universitarios
- 32 créditos en contabilidad
- Becker CPA Review 4 créditos para los 150 créditos
 4 créditos para los 32 en contabilidad
- 1,820 horas d experiencia en contabilidad pública o privada De no completer los 150 y 32 créditos en dos años a partir de aprobar las 4 partes, le requieren créditos de educación continuada adicionales



Breve historial de los 150 créditos

How we got here

In 1988, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) recommended that state boards of accounting require 150 college credits as a prerequisite to earning the CPA designation. Every state and the District of Columbia adopted the 150-hour rule by the early 2000s, effectively mandating a graduate degree, or a bachelor's degree plus an additional 30 credit hours, to become a CPA. It is worth noting that the additional 30 credit hours are not mandated in a specific field of study. Any college credits will do.

AICPA leaders have described the rule as a "purposeful hurdle" intended to elevate the profession. Instead, it has become a structural barrier that many believe, and recent research supports, makes it difficult to attract skilled talent.

La regla tenía el propósito de elevar la profesión a "otro nivel" Cursos de macramé, pintura y cualquier otro cuentan Se ha convertido en una barrera de entrada No atrae a los buenos estudiantes de administración de empresas (USA)

Resultado de los 150 crêditos

120-Hour, 150-Hour Requirement and Candidate Performance

Researchers at Utah State University collected data from 2006 to 2016 examining the effect of these changes on the number of first-time candidates sitting for the CPA exam and on candidate performance. The findings indicate that a reduction in the number of credit hours required to sit for the CPA exam increased the number of candidates, while an increase in the number of prerequisite hours reduced the number of candidates (E. F. Stephenson and B. Meehan, "Reducing a Barrier to Entry: The 120-150 CPA Licensing Rule," Center for Growth and Opportunity at Utah State University, working paper, January 2020. https://tinyurl.com/5n72yk5r).

The authors found no relationship between changes in the CPA exam requirements and pass rates or scores. They suggest that requiring 150 hours instead of 120 creates a potential barrier to entry for licensed CPAs with no accompanying increase in candidate quality. This may be why a majority of states have changed their requirement from 150 credit hours to 120 credit hours to sit for the exam while requiring 150 credit hours for licensure. The numbers may be higher now since this is an evolving area.

Reducción en número de créditos aumenta el número de candidatos No hay una correlación entre requisitos de créditos y resultados No aumenta la calidad de los candidatos Crea una barrera potencial de entrada a la profesión

COSTO DE LA EDUCACIÓN

Barriers to Entry: Cost of Additional Education

The cost and time required to complete the credits to meet the 150-hour requirement is a barrier to entry that the authors believe needs to be addressed. The average cost of a college education has been increasing over time, with the notable exception of the COVID years. According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), between the years of 2010/11 and 2020/21, the cost of an undergraduate degree increased by 11% at public institutions and 19% at private nonprofit institutions (https://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=76).

According to Education Data Initiative (EDI), the average cost of a master's degree at a private institution is \$62,100, whereas it is \$29,150 at a public institution. The data cited notes that the master's of accounting program at the University of Michigan costs \$50,910 per year in tuition and fees.

The accounting degree is the only business degree that requires 150 credits to complete. The average starting salary of graduates with an accounting degree is not much different than those with one in complimentary acumens like finance or information systems. The additional credit requirement has resulted in fewer students pursuing accounting as a career. Moreover, the mixed data on 150-hour graduates' preparedness for the CPA exam and improved readiness for the workplace has heightened concerns about the benefits of requiring candidates to complete the extra 30 units and related cost issues.

Costo promedio de la educación continúa en ascenso El salario promedio de los graduandos en contabilidad no justifica 30 créditos adicionales Menos seleccionan estudiar contabilidad. Prefieren finanzas y mercadeo No existe correlación entre los 150 créditos y aprobar el examen No existe correlación entre los 150 créditos y ser un mejor profesional

Los datos son los datos:

FORTUNE

Why the CPA qualification's 150-hour college credit rule is outdated-and inequitable

Situación actual:

- Escazes en CPA's tanto en PR como en USA
- Reducción en estudiantes de contabilidad
- Costo de estudiar 30 créditos adicionales sigue en aumento
- Disminución en oportunidades de minorías
- Poco o ningún valor añadido professional en 30 créditos en cualquier materia
- Más importante la experiencia profesional



Las cosas como son!

It appears there may be the beginnings of a crack in the support for the 150-hour requirement. The Minnesota Society of CPAs is advancing a bill in the state legislature that could create cross-border restrictions for licensed CPAs and public accounting firms in the state; the bill would allow a second pathway to licensure of 120 units and two years of experience. Jen Leary, CEO of Clifton Larson Allen, the ninth largest CPA firm in the United States, has voiced support of the Minnesota bill. She believes that creating alternative paths to CPA licensure is needed to help eliminate the barrier to entry created by the 150-hour educational requirement ("Addressing the CPA Pipeline Issues Requires Collaboration and Bold Leadership," March 3, 2023, https://tinyurl.com/yf5a86ym).

Estimado del futuro:

- Muchos estados y territories emularán al estado de Minnesota que solo require 120 créditos pero 2 años de experiencia
- Otros eliminarán el requisito de los 150 sin aumentar los años de experiencia

Recomendaciones de Créditos

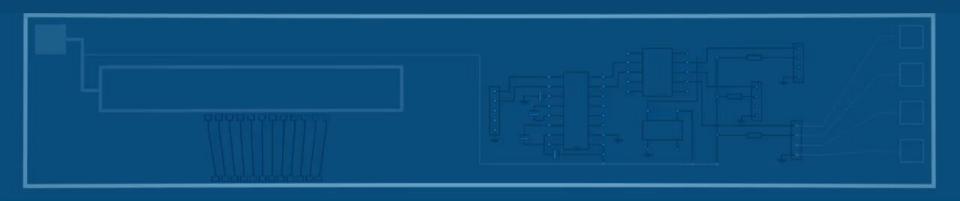
Sugerencias de Planificación:		
	Créditos	Créditos
	por Año	Acumulados
1er año	30	30
2ndo año	30	60
3er año	33	93
4to año	33	126

Esos 126 incluyen los siguientes cursos de			
contabilidad:			
contabilidad.			
Contabilidad elemental I	3	3	Requerido
Contabilidad elemental II	3	6	Requerido
Contabilidad intermedia I	3	9	Requerido
Contabilidad intermedia II	3	12	Requerido
Contribuciones	3	15	Electiva
Sistemas de información de contabilidad	3	18	Requerido
Contabilidad de costos o gerencial	3	21	Requerido
Auditoría	3	24	Requerido

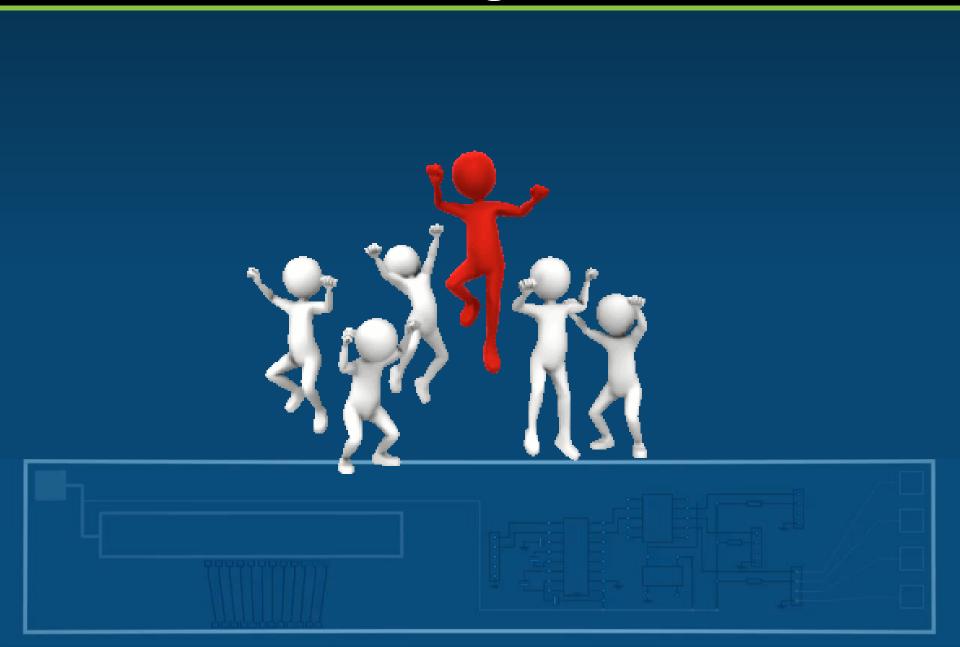
Luego de completar su cuarto año con 126 créditos universitarios incluyendo 24 de esos en contabilidad, debe sentarse al examen. Esto, sin perder su condición de estudiante universitario. Luego de aprobar 2, 3 o 4 partes del examen, retoma sus cursos universitarios para lograr los 150 crédito y los 32 en contabilidad.

Recomendaciones de Créditos

Luego de aprobar el examen de CPA:							
Contabilidad intermedia III	3	27	Electiva				
Internado	3	30	Electiva				
Fare - Becker CPA Review	1	31	Opcional				
Regulation - Becker CPA Review	1	32	Opcional				
Audit - Becker CPA Review	1	33	Opcional				
Bar/lsc - Becker CAP Review	1	34	Opcional				
Una vez apruebe el examen de CPA tiene 2 años para competar los 150 créditos							
universitarios. De no aprobarlo en esos dos años se le requieren créditos							
de educación continuada.							



Passing Rates



CPA EXAM PASS RATES



CPA Exam Pass Rates

			2023				
Section	2021	2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative
AUD	47.98%	47.90%	47.01%	48.24%	45.64%	46.41%	46.75%
BEC	61.94%	59.85%	56.98%	59.16%	54.9%	38.17%	47.44%
FAR	44.54%	43.76%	41.82%	42.78%	44.08%	39.36%	42.12%
REG	59.88%	59.85%	58.63%	59.71%	59.13%	54.68%	57.82%

Administrative issues



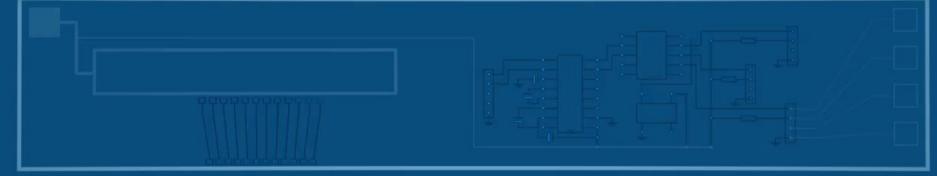
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The Exam - Administrative Issues

- 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

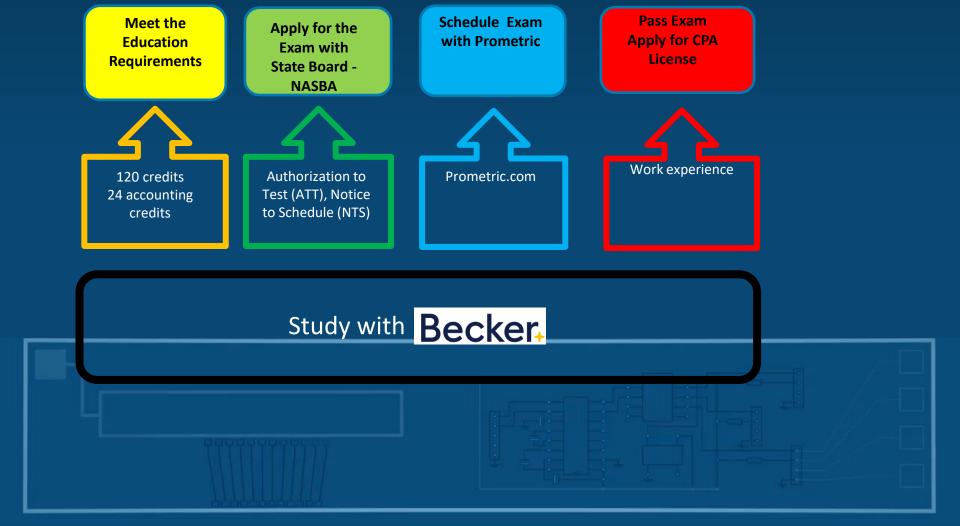


Exam News

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
24Q2	APR 1 - JUN 25	JUL 31	APR 20 - MAY 19	JUN 28
24Q3	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



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Resultados en Puerto Rico

- Más de 90% de los que aprueban la reválida estudiaron con Becker
- Llevamos decadas donde nuestros estudiantes han sido la nota más alta del examen
- En la pasada entrega de Certificados de CPA 3/2024:
 - 26 de 28 nuevos CPA's estudiaron con Becker
 - La nota más alta fue estudiante de Becker
- La gran mayoría de los profesores universitarios aprobaron el examen con Becker



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CPA Exam sections passed

according to Becker
CPA Exam Day ReadySM students*

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- •Profesores universitarios con más de 27 años en el coaching (unicos en PR)
- Power points disponibles de las clases
- Adapt-to-you Technology inteligencia artificial (Unicos en PR)
- One on one academic support
- •Videos explicativos de TODAS las simulaciones (Unicos en PR)



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- •KPMG
- Galindez LLC
- Driven
- Kevane Grant Thornton
- •RSM
- •Rivera, Rodríguez & Toro
- •Landa
- Alvarado Tax



Our package

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EXAM DAY READY



Textbooks

Financial 1

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- 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.

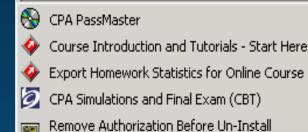
B. Conditions that Must be Present

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:

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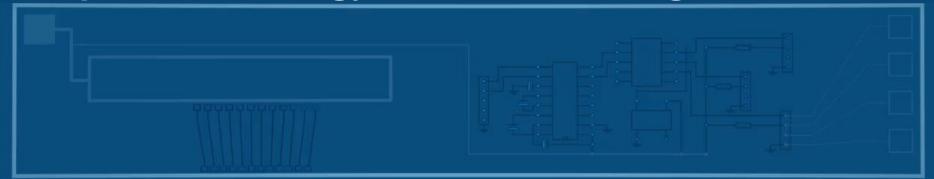
Study planner

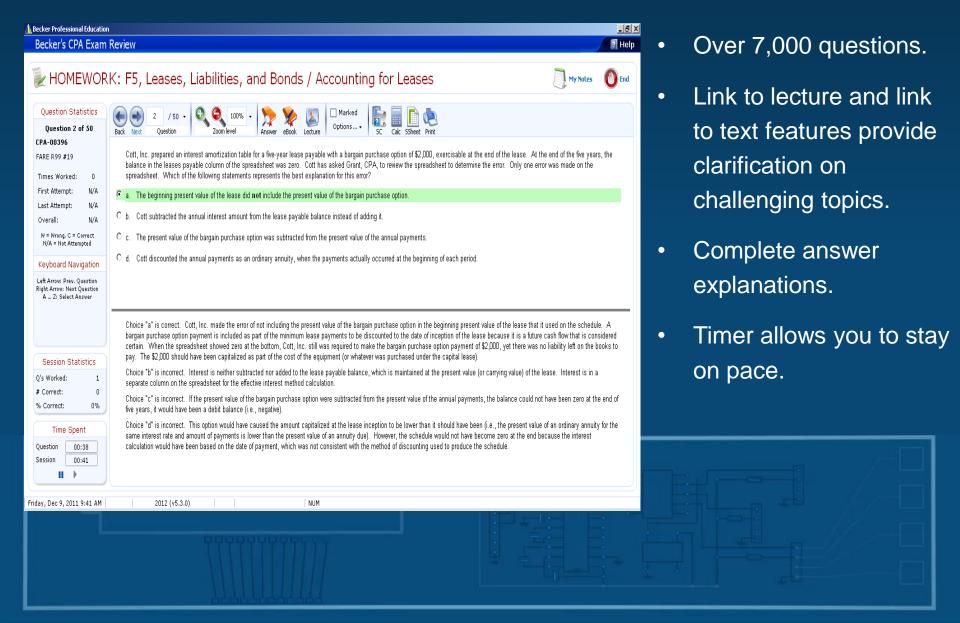
CPA Simulation and Final Exam Software

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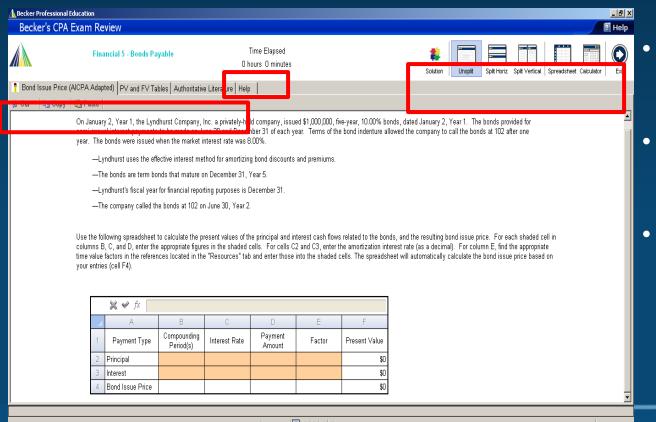
E-books

<u>Adapt2U technology – artificial intelligence</u>

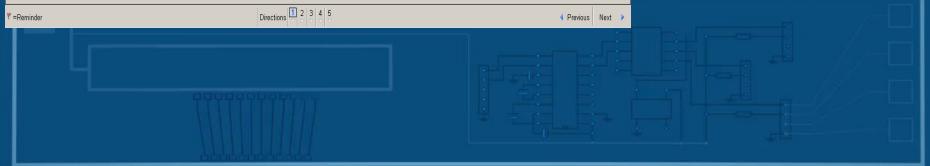




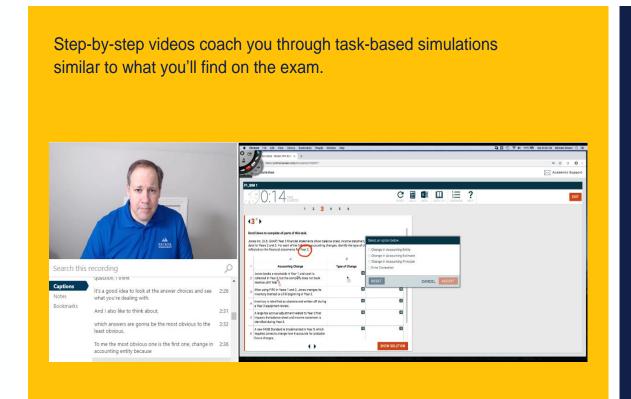
Simulations



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



SkillMaster videos



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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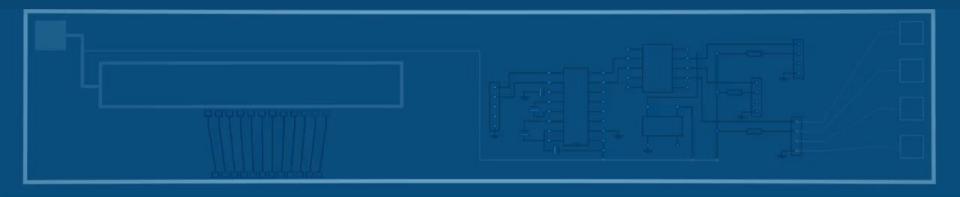


Mobile Flash Cards

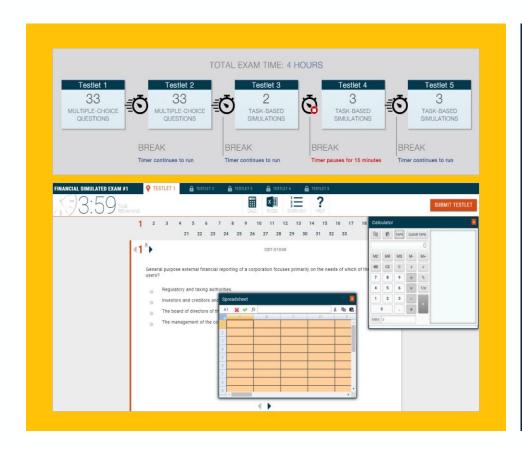
With their portability and ease-of-use, flashcards are a highly flexible preparation resource:

- 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
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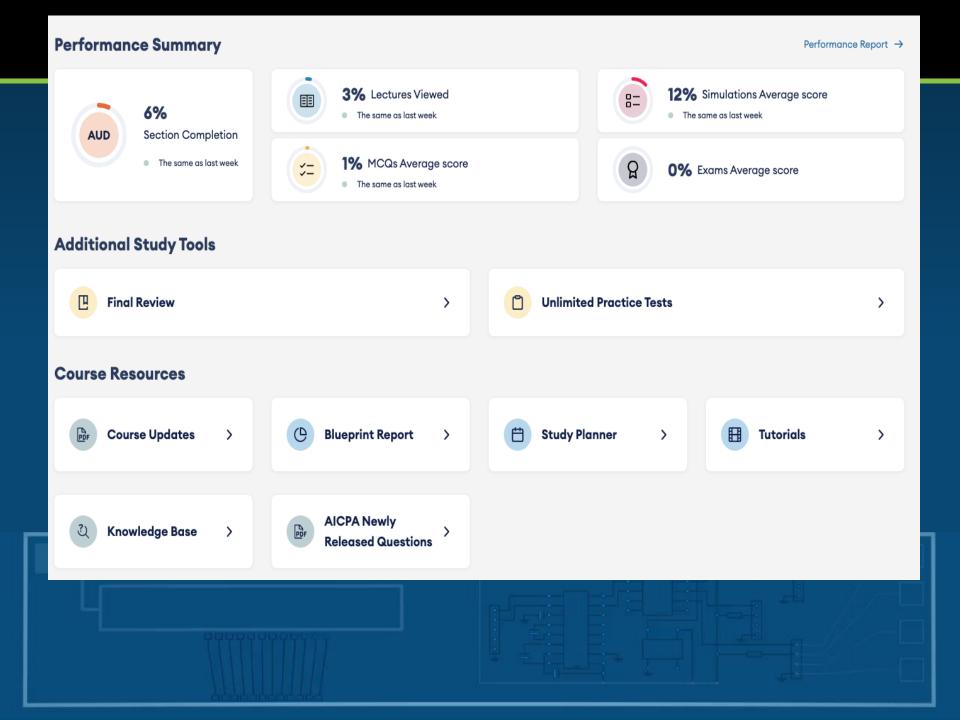


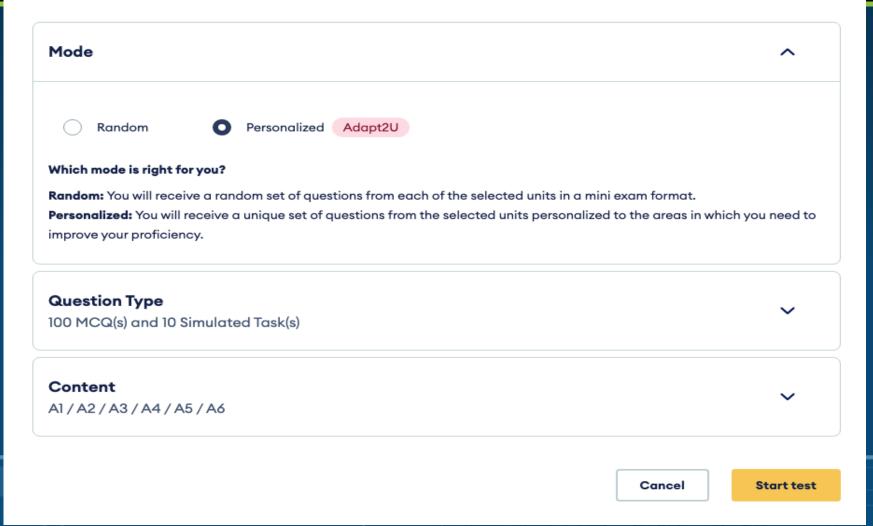
Exam Day

Ready Tracker

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

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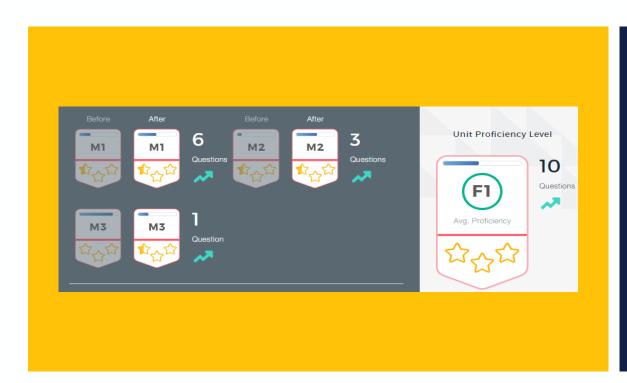


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- Preassessment to determine what you already know to optimize study time

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Our national instructors

LLC is like the platypus, it's a hybrid. It has some traits of a corporation, and some traits of a partnership.





Our local instructors



Fare Instructor



Eva Quinones

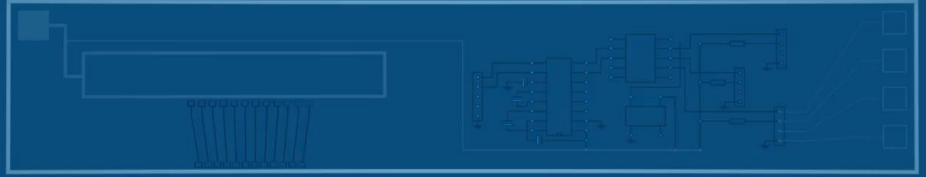
- CPA
- MBA Texas at Austin
- Since 1995 28 years
- UPR instructor Mayaguez Campus

BAR Instructor



Karen Castro

- CPA
- PHD UPR RP
- Since 2024
- UPR instructor Río Piedras Campus



Regulation Instructor



Kenneth Rivera Robles

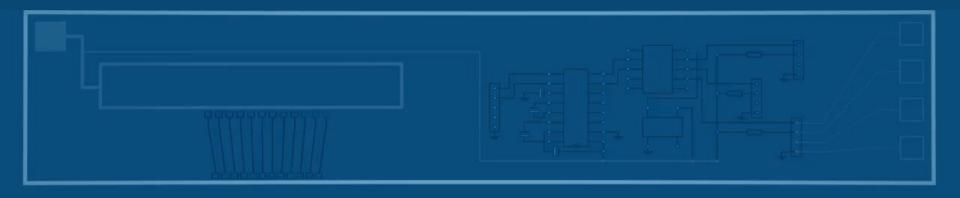
- CPA y abogado
- Since 1995 28 years
- UPR instructor Leyes
- <u>Tax</u> partner in charge FPV Galindez

Audit, Regulation & ISC Instructor



Juan M. Garcia Merced

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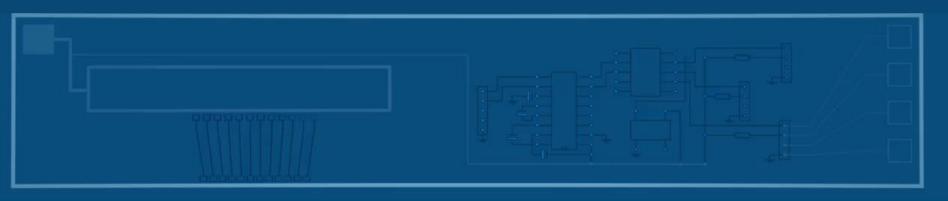
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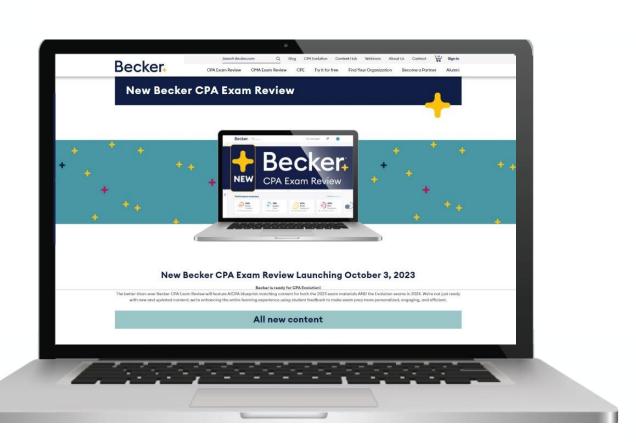
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