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# THE PREMIERE CERTIFICATION FOR PRIVATE WEALTH ADVISORS

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## WHAT IS THE CPWA CERTIFICATION?

Certified Private Wealth Advisor<sup>®</sup> (CPWA<sup>®</sup>) is an advanced education and certification program for financial advisors who work with high-net-worth clients on the life-cycle of wealth: accumulation, preservation, and distribution.

The holistic, multidisciplinary CPWA program requires advisors to meet rigorous standards:

- **Experience:** At least five years of relevant financial services experience and a clean regulatory record
- **Ethics:** Comply with the *Institute Code of Professional Responsibility* or lose the certification
- **Education:** Complete executive education at a top 25 global business school
- **Exam:** Pass a stringent five-hour examination
- **Continuing Competency:** Stay updated on industry trends, laws, and products with 40 hours of continuing education every two years, including two hours of ethics education

**Clients want to know that their advisors are going above and beyond the minimum requirements to sharpen their technical skills. 77% of CPWA advisors hold more than two designations\***

## Knowledge Domains

### Human Dynamics:

Ethics  
Applied behavioral finance  
Family dynamics

### Wealth Management Strategies

Tax strategies and planning  
Portfolio management  
Risk management and asset management

### Client Specialization and Client Focus:

Closely held business owners  
Executives  
Retirement

### Legacy Planning:

Charitable giving  
Estate planning and wealth transfer