

Private Equity Certificate

About this certificate

The Private Equity Certificate focuses on the practical skills and outcomes expected of an analyst or associate in a private equity firm. The certificate covers the jobready skills required to thrive in the competitive landscape of private equity, including how to build robust LBO models, assess deals, and leverage value creation strategies. The certificate includes financial modeling assignments developed in partnership with [Financial Edge](#). Financial Edge delivers a range of technical training programs for many of the top Private Equity firms globally.

The Private Equity Certificate is part of a series of certificates from CFA Institute focused on private market investments, including:

- Private Markets & Alternative Investments Certificate (foundational knowledge)
- **Private Equity Certificate** (intermediate applied skills)
- Advanced Private Equity Certificate (launching in summer 2025)

Learning experience

Learners will progress through five self-paced courses, including:

- **Course 1:** Private Markets Essentials
- **Course 2:** Private Equity
- **Course 3:** Private Debt for Private Equity Practitioners
- **Course 4:** Intermediate Financial Modeling
- **Course 5:** General Partner Perspectives

Participants will have an opportunity to test out of all or part of Course 1 through pre-module assessments. Learners will be able to receive assignment support through optional monthly Financial Modeling Q&A sessions led by an expert trainer. Learners will be able to develop their skills further with the Advanced Private Equity Certificate. The Private Equity Certificate is a mandatory prerequisite for the Advanced Private Equity Certificate launching in 2025.

Who should enroll?

This certificate is designed for interns, associates and analysts at private equity firms or investment banks and those who aspire to be in those roles. While there are no mandatory pre-requisites for the Private Equity Certificate, a foundational understanding of private equity is recommended. This can be achieved through the Private Markets and Alternative Investments Certificate, Level I of the CFA Program, or relevant work experience.

At a glance

USD 890

(USD 712 for members)

Up to **125 hours** to complete with 12-month access to downloadable course content

Online courses and final assessment with **live office hour support**

Certificate and digital badge from globally recognized CFA Institute

More information is available [here](#)

