Become a Certified Climate Change Professional® (CC-P®) Today!

The Certified Climate Change Professional® (CC-P®) credential is a valuable asset that will distinguish you in the job marketplace and enhance your credibility as a leader in climate preparedness and action initiatives.

The Certified Climate Change Professional® (CC-P®) credential is currently available for practitioners across all sectors and professional functions, and will also be a stepping stone to the CC-O® credential, which will be announced in 2021.

Why Become a Certified Climate Change Professional® (CC-P®)?

The implications of climate change on operations, missions and organizational interests, demand skilled and seasoned professionals to integrate an understanding of climate change and related response strategies into decision-making across professional functions.

The Certified Climate Change Professional® (CC-P®) signifies that you have developed the fundamentals, skills and knowledge to effectively support climate change initiatives and connects you to the premier community of professionals, organizations and experts worldwide.

Who Should Pursue the CC-P®?

- If you’re an experienced manager or executive responsible for driving climate change, resilience, sustainability or environmental initiatives, then the Certified Climate Change Professional® (CC-P®) is the right choice for you.
- If you’re a professional working extensively on climate preparedness, energy efficiency & continuity, renewable energy, resilience, adaptation or supply chain sustainability, the Certified Climate Change Professional® (CC-P®) is a valuable enhancement and the supporting training will better prepare you to lead on integrating climate change.
- If you’re a service provider or non-profit professional working on climate change or related considerations, the Certified Climate Change Professional® (CC-P®) ensures recognition that you’ve developed the competencies and knowledge to best support your clients and mission activities.

CC-P® Exam Rates

Special opportunity through the Maryland Climate Leadership Academy:

Training is provided for free when enrolled in the Academy’s CC-P® Prep Series (learn more at www.MDClimateAcademy.org). Testing for the CC-P® is:

- Complimentary for Maryland state/local government employees
- All others must procure the testing package by purchasing it for $245 (or alternatively, can join ACCO as a “premium” member, which includes the exam bundle as a benefit)

Experience Requirements:

- Masters or post-graduate degree
  2+ years working extensively on climate change, sustainability or related initiatives  
  - or - 
- Four-year degree
  4+ years working extensively on climate change, sustainability or related initiatives  
  - or - 
- Secondary (high school) degree
  7+ years working extensively on climate change, sustainability or related initiatives

Earning the CC-P®:

1. Prepare for Exams
2. Pass the 4 CC-P® Exam Modules
   - Climate Science & Vulnerability Assessment
   - GHG, Energy & Water Management
   - Governance, Law & Policy
   - Materiality, Risk Management & Economics
3. Satisfy 14 hours of elective requirements
   Learn more about electives at www.climateofficers.org/electives
4. Submit Your Application

Maintaining the CC-P®:

1. Continuing education: 8 hours annually
2. Usage requirements: 40 hours annually (e.g. speaking at public events, research, developing training programs, leading/supporting working groups, advocacy and publication.

Learn more about the CC-P® at https://ClimateOfficers.org/certification-professional/