FAQ’s for those taking the CFP/CKA Capstone

The Ron Blue Institute CFP®/CKA® Certificate Program is a unique program that allows you to complete the educational requirements for both the CFP® AND the CKA® in one program.

**1. What is the CKA® Educational Program?**

A university-based, online, self-directed certificate course developed in collaboration with the Ron Blue Institute and targeted to the practicing financial professional who desires to integrate biblical decision-making principles into their practice and achieve the CKA® designation.

**2. What is the CKA® designation?**

A designation for the Christian financial professional who wants to achieve the gold standard of professional training in faith/work integration. This designation is gaining industry acceptance as the distinction that sets advisors apart to be excellent at offering holistic advice to clients of the Christian faith.

**3. Who should take the CKA® Educational Program?**

All U.S.- based candidates seeking the CKA® designation.

**4. If I am not eligible for the CKA® designation, should I still consider taking the CKA® Educational Program?**

Yes. Anyone seeking to fully integrate biblically wise financial advice into their practice regardless of their eligibility for the CKA® designation will benefit from the holistic learning approach for integrating the biblical truths learned into their client practice.

**5. How are the CFP® and CKA® courses combined into one program?**

Your first five classes that you will go through in this program (if you do not qualify for the Accelerated CFP® Program) will be solely focused on the CFP. The CKA will be incorporated in the 6th course (the Capstone) and will make up 90% of the course. The other 10% of the course is a final planned presentation, which is a requirement for the CFP® Board.

**6. What is the benefit of taking this combined program?**

Going through this program allows you to truly integrate your Christian beliefs into your practice from the beginning as you go through your CFP® coursework. As we like to say it, you become a Christian Financial Advisor versus a Financial Advisor who is a Christian. You also save $654 by taking both programs at the same time. Finally, you save a small amount of time by already being familiar with a case study when it comes time to completing you Final Planned Presentation.

**7. What is the estimated completion time for the Capstone Course alone with the CKA® being added into it?**

Approximately 70 hours.

**8. Is continuing education (CE) credit available for the CKA® Educational Program?**

Yes, the program has been accepted for 28 hours of CFP®, IMCA, CPA and PACE continuing education credit (the maximum granted to fulfill two years’ CE requirements)

**9. How will the CKA® Educational Program help me in practice?**

* Learn how to offer biblically wise financial advice that is relevant in any economy
* Develop transferrable processes for decision making and personal convictions around values associated with financial planning
* Understand the financial planning differentiators that exist when a biblical worldview is applied to financial decision-making
* Bring more value to your clients by offering life counsel from an eternal perspective
* Differentiate yourself in an increasingly commoditized marketplace

**10. What if I have questions as I complete the course?**

You will be assigned an instructional mentor to give you feedback on the case study and to answer your questions.

**11. How long do I have to complete the course?**

You must complete the course along with the other five Dalton CFP® courses within the year you were given at enrollment. It is recommended that you begin working on the Capstone as soon as you are given access to the Dalton materials and to slowly work through it as the year proceeds. If your employer program does not allow access from the beginning, please reach out to talk through the best study plan for your specific situation.

**12. What is included in the CFP®/CKA® Capstone course?**

* 95 Video Lessons taught by Ron Blue and other Kingdom Advisors Faculty (approximately 15 minutes each)
* 212 Scripture Verses on money
* 19 Case Study Assignments
* 19 Quizzes
* 2 Journal Entries
* Capstone presentation

**13. How are tests administered in the CKA Capstone?**

There are 19 modules in the CKA Capstone. At the end of each module, you will be required to take a 10-question test as well as complete a mini case study response. At the end, you will be required to complete a final planned presentation.

**14. Is there a one-year CKA® membership included with the educational course?** No

**15. How do I receive the CKA® designation?**

* Pass the CKA® exam by receiving a 70% or higher - Upon successful completion of the CKA® Educational Program, the university will provide a certificate of completion, which will serve as the indicator that you are eligible to sit for the CKA® exam. The CKA® exam is a 5-hour, proctored exam taken at your convenience online in your office or home administered by Examity. The exam cost is $199.
* Complete CKA® application and submit the $50 application fee.

**16. Should I complete the CKA® OR CFP® Exam first after the completion of this program?**

Most professionals focus on the CFP® Exam first. While it is not recommended to wait 5 years, you do have 5 years upon completion of the program to sit for and obtain the CKA® designation. Once you have completed the CFP® exam, you can circle back around and study for and sit for the CKA® exam.

**17. When can I take my CKA exam?**

Upon completion of the program, a Kingdom Advisor staff member will reach out to help schedule the exam. You can schedule it for a date and time that works for you as the exam will be proctored virtually from your own home (or location of choice).

**18. How many questions and what is the format of the questions on the CKA exam?**

There are100, 1-point multiple choice questions and a 100-point case study. The case study will present a scenario for which you will define the problem/concern(s) and make recommendations with actionable next steps.

**19. What are the technology requirements to sit for the CKA exam?**

* Desktop computer or laptop (not tablet)
* Webcam and microphone (built-in or external)
* Connection to network with sufficient internet speed: at least 2 Mbps download
* Speed and 2 Mbps upload – test internet speed at http://www.speedtest.net
* Browser with pop-up blocker disabled
* Operating systems: Windows XP or newer, Mac OS X 10.8 (Mountain Lion) – or newer

**20. Is there a yearly fee to hold the designation?** Yes, it is $495.00 for the professional membership.

**21. What are the CE requirements for the CKA?**

The CKA requires 10 hours of continuing education each year from date of CKA® acceptance.

**22. Is there a list of firms that accept this designation?**

The list is continually changing. Ask the organization for which you are working. They will be able to let you know their requirements around holding and displaying the CKA designation.

**23. Is there competition for this designation?**

No, there are no other professional Christian financial designations at this time.