

Private Markets & Alternative Investments Certificate



Your gateway to expertise in private markets and alternatives

Expand your expertise in one of finance's most dynamic sectors with the CFA Institute Private Markets & Alternative Investments Certificate. This program delivers comprehensive knowledge of private markets and alternative investments, helping you gain a competitive edge in your career.

What you'll learn

Upon completing the Private Markets and Alternative Investments Certificate, you'll gain expertise across key areas that can elevate your career.

- **Understand alternative investments:** Explore the roles, benefits, and challenges of private equity, private credit, real estate, commodities, and hedge funds in multi-asset portfolios.
- **Master investment analysis:** Evaluate private equity, real estate, and infrastructure investments, assess risks, and develop due diligence and valuation strategies.
- **Navigate complex strategies:** Gain insights into hedge fund and commodity market strategies, and learn to analyze performance metrics and returns.

Program and exam details

- **Format:** Fully self-paced online with 12-month access to downloadable content.
- **Study time:** 70-90 hours to complete the program.
- **Assessment:** Complete a final exam to earn a shareable digital badge and certificate investment education.

Elevate your career with advanced knowledge and practical skills. Learn more or register today to gain a competitive edge in private markets and alternative investments.

Career-advancing benefits

- **Professional growth:** Equip yourself with actionable knowledge to confidently allocate and manage investments in private markets and alternatives.
- **Industry relevance:** Gain a respected credential tailored to entry-level employees, consultants, and investors in private markets.
- **Flexible learning:** Study at your own pace with comprehensive materials designed for busy professionals.

Private markets stack

Private Equity Certificate

Develop the practical skills and outcomes expected of an analyst or associate in a private equity firm. This intermediate level certificate covers the job-ready 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. It also includes financial modeling assignments developed in partnership with Financial Edge.

Coming soon | Advanced Private Equity Certificate

Develop your skills further with the Advanced Private Equity Certificate, available in August 2025. The Private Equity Certificate is required as a prerequisite.

