

**UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS**  
**CFP® CERTIFICATION EDUCATION PROGRAM**

***COMMENTS FROM FORMER STUDENTS***

“The curriculum for the CFP® exam is not an easy one. Being a CFP® takes time, dedication plus a good educational foundation, which I found at UST. The UST CFP® program helped prepare me for my current job as a CFP®. I found all the instructors were knowledgeable both in the industry and in conveying that information to their students. One thing that I liked about the program is that it motivated me to study. Each week we had a quiz for which to prepare. The amount to study was not overwhelming therefore not too much of a burden. I was able to gain knowledge and confidence. I also appreciated the schedule. I was able to attend weekend classes and still work full time. After about a year I was able to take the CFP® exam, and pass!”

*Nesrin Kartaltepe, CFP®*  
*Ameriprise Financial*

"Studying for the CFP® exam is much like building a pyramid. You must first establish a solid base. I found the UST program to be this base. The program's structure provided a strong foundation from which I was able to adequately prepare for the exam. The small classes provided accountability amongst students and instructors and the alternating weekend schedule allowed time to keep up with out-of-class assignments. While twelve-hours of instruction over a two-day period was difficult, I found that it played an invaluable role in preparing me for the ten-hour exam."

*Chris Brown (Passed July 2006 CFP® Exam)*  
*Houston Asset Management, Inc*

“The CFP® preparation course at the University of St. Thomas was excellent and I highly recommend it. I passed the exam on the first try, and the information that I acquired has proved essential in my work as a stockbroker.”

*Michael Siegelman, CFP®, M.D.*  
*A. G. Edwards and Sons*

“I found the CFP® certification program at the University of St. Thomas to be a very well structured, well taught program that very effectively prepared me to pass the CFP® exam. The instructors were always well prepared and ensured that whatever may appear on the exam was covered. I thoroughly enjoyed the program!”

*Sandy Vander Kam (Passed March 2006 CFP® Exam)*  
*UST MBA Graduate*

“The CFP® certification program at The University of St. Thomas was a wonderful and fulfilling experience. UST has a convenient campus location easily accessible from I-10, US 59, the Galleria area and Downtown. It has a laid back and casual campus atmosphere. Competent and demanding professors who are friendly and available bring the mundane and dry to real life situations. The program prepared me with the real world know-how I needed to bring to my planning practice. And, very importantly, it gave me the knowledge base I needed to pass the exam on my first sitting. I currently recommend this program to all my associates and friends.....you will too!

*Royal Lunsford, CFP®*  
*Thrivent Financial*

