

## What is Required to Become a GPC?

All candidates must meet the minimum point standard which can be earned across four professional areas: Education, Experience, Professional Practice / Continuing Education, and Community Involvement. To be eligible to take the examination, the GPC candidate must qualify for 120 of 170 possible points. Successful candidates will acquire minimum knowledge and skills related to all aspects of grant development and management including such areas as grant pre-production, grant construction, public sector funding, private sector funding, ethics and grant accountability. Find more details at: <https://www.grantcredential.org/the-exam/eligibility/>

Category	Pathway 1 – Associate Degree or No Formal Degree	Pathway 2 – Bachelor’s Degree or Higher
Education	<p><b>20 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school diploma or equivalent from US or foreign equivalent.</li> <li>• Associate degree or equivalent from US or foreign equivalent in any major, from an accredited college or university.</li> <li>• Successfully completed a technical training course of study.</li> <li>• Honorably completed military training (other than Basic Recruit Training).</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Include a copy of degree(s) or transcript(s) indicating a degree was conferred (if applicable).</p>	<p><b>40 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of a bachelor’s degree or foreign equivalent in any major from an accredited college or university</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Include a copy of degree(s) or transcript(s) indicating a degree was conferred.</p>
Professional Experience	<p><b>50 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Resume showing current/past employment, education, professional honors awarded, and other information appropriate to the field and your experience – must demonstrate a minimum of <b>five (5) years</b> of experience in the grants field within the past <b>seven (7) years</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Completed "Documentation of Grants Experience," including a list of successful proposals within the last <b>seven (7) years</b> (minimum of 5 grants; this need not be all inclusive)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Three <b>signed and dated</b> letters from credible sources verifying your experience in the field of grants (letterhead or other verification required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>70 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Resume showing current/past employment, education, professional honors awarded, and other information appropriate to the field and your experience – must demonstrate a minimum of <b>three (3) years</b> of experience in the grants field within the past <b>five (5) years</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Completed "Documentation of Grants Experience," including a list of successful proposals within the last <b>seven (7) years</b> (minimum of 5 grants; this need not be all inclusive)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Three <b>signed and dated</b> letters from credible sources verifying your experience in the field of grants (letterhead or other verification required)</li> </ul>
Professional Practice / Continuing Education	<p><b>50 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> List of up to <b>50 clock hours</b> of grant-related professional practice activities or continuing education within the past <b>two (2) years</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>40 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> List of up to <b>40 clock hours</b> of grant-related professional practice activities or continuing education within the past <b>two (2) years</b></li> </ul>
Community Involvement	<p><b>50 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> List of up to <b>50 hours</b> of community-based volunteer services within the past <b>three (3) years</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>20 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> List of up to <b>20 hours</b> of community-based volunteer services within the past <b>three (3) years</b></li> </ul>
Points Possible	170	170
Total Needed	120	120