How can I prepare now for the GPC exam before I meet the eligibility requirements?

Establish Timetable & Plan:
Establish a definite timetable when you would like to sit for the exam and monitor your progress in fulfilling all the necessary criteria to qualify for applying. The criteria can be found on the GPCI website: https://www.grantcredential.org/the-exam/eligibility/

Set Goals!
- **Education:**
  o Do I currently meet the requirements: Yes / No
  o If No, write a plan to achieve and set a goal completion date: _____

- **Professional Experience:**
  o Do I currently meet the requirements: Yes / No
  o If No, write a plan to achieve and set a goal completion date: _____

- **Professional Practice/Continuing Education:**
  o Do I currently meet the requirements: Yes / No
  o If No, write a plan to achieve and set a goal completion date: _____

- **Community Involvement:**
  o Do I currently meet the requirements: Yes / No
  o If No, write a plan to achieve and set a goal completion date: _____

Assess Your Knowledge
Review the **Competencies and Skills** the GPC exam is based on: https://www.grantcredential.org/the-exam/competencies-tested/

Study Resources
The **GPCI Literature Review** is a helpful tool to refresh knowledge or learn more about areas you have less experience in. This review contains general grant information as well as a list of helpful books, journal articles and websites. https://www.grantcredential.org/the-exam/preparation/

Join a Study Group!
You and other chapter members can organize a study group or find and join a virtual study group by posting your interest on GrantZone.

Attend Training
There are several trainers who provide courses on topics that are important for future GPCs to understand. Check out GPCI's list of approved trainers here: https://www.grantcredential.org/certification-maintenance/cmp-accepted-ce-providers/