

THINGS I CAN DO TODAY TO GAIN CFP® CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE



1 THE EXTERNSHIP

The Externship, offered by Amplified Planning, is an 8-week, virtual training program focused on a career in financial planning.

See financial planning in action, build financial plans, gain eMoney certification, and receive 500 Standard Pathway experience hours toward CFP® certification.

The Externship is 100% virtual and asynchronous.

Sign up to join The Externship Insider List.



Cost: \$397 (scholarships and discounts available)

2 FINANCIAL PLANNING DISCOVERY COURSES

If you've ever wished you could really see what a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professional does, this is your chance!

Check out the Financial Planning Discovery Courses from CFP Board and Amplified Planning to get a sneak peek into real client scenarios and conversations. Watch diverse client videos and complete financial planning assignments to earn 50 Standard Pathway experience hours for each completed course.

View the Amplified Planning Financial Planning Discovery Courses **here**.



Cost: Free

3 VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

Volunteer to help your community by preparing taxes with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Receive training to help provide free tax help for low-to-moderate income families who need assistance preparing their tax returns. Help taxpayers build financial security while educating them on tax credits and deductions they may qualify for. You can use the **VITA locator tool** to find a VITA site near you.

Volunteering through VITA may also count for CFP® certification Standard Pathway experience hours — enter your completed VITA hours in your CFP Board account.



4 PEER FINANCIAL COACHING

Students can help fellow students master their finances.

Many universities offer peer financial coaching opportunities through their financial aid office, financial wellness program or financial planning program. These programs train you to guide fellow students toward financial success by teaching them essential skills such as budgeting, credit and debt management. Contact your financial planning program or financial aid office to find out how you can join a peer financial coaching program. Peer coaching could count for CFP® certification Standard Pathway experience hours — enter your completing coaching hours in your CFP Board account.

Have questions? Please email experience@cfpboard.org. Want to learn more about the pathways to experience, other experience opportunities and reporting your hours? Visit [CFP.net/experience](https://www.cfp.net/experience).