



Advanced Certificate in Finance (ACFI500)

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The Advanced Certificate in Finance is designed for working finance professionals and Certificate-in-Finance graduates who are ready to develop the analytical, operational, and managerial competencies that employers look for when promoting into mid-level finance roles. The six-course curriculum balances corporate finance, business analytics, operations, research methods, and project management, the disciplines that turn entry-level staff into trusted financial business partners.

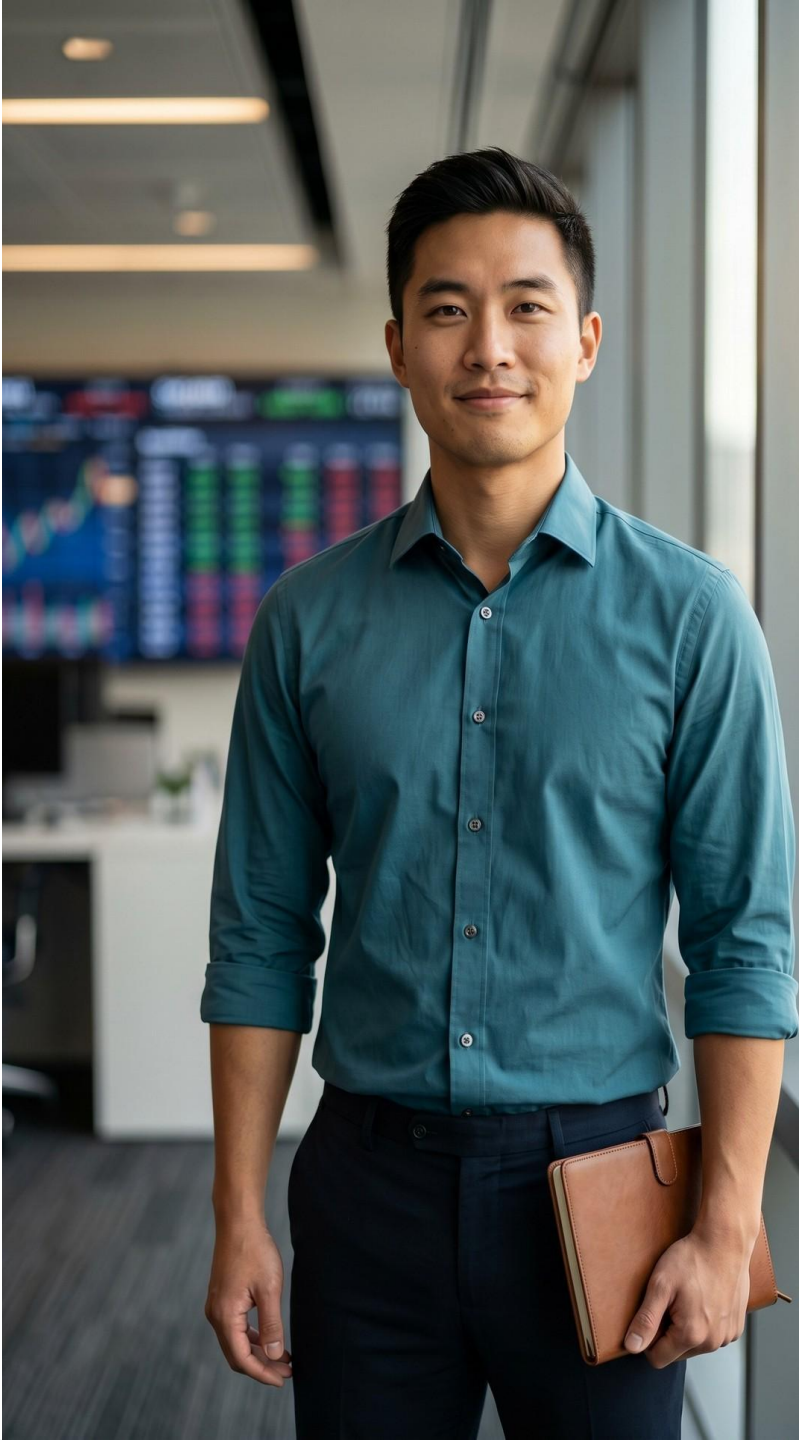
Students build hands-on competence in data analytics applied to business problems, business research methods, agile project delivery, and corporate social responsibility — the modern business skills that distinguish capable analysts from process workers. The curriculum is informed by the body of knowledge for the IIBA Entry Certificate in Business Analysis and adjacent industry credentials.



Modules

* Prescribed textbooks, must be obtained by students at their own cost prior to the commencement of their studies

Module Codes	Description	Credits	Semester
ACFI501	Business Finance	3	1
ACFI502	Operations Management	3	1
ACFI503	Business Research Methods	3	1
ACFI504	Data Analytics for Business	3	2
ACFI505	Corporate Social Responsibility	3	2
ACFI506	Agile Project Management	3	2



Assessment

- Continuous assessment (assignments, projects, and quizzes)
- Summative assessment (tests and examinations)
- No practical or workplace-based component

Outcomes

Upon completion of the qualification, graduates will be able to:

- Apply corporate finance principles to capital budgeting, investment, and financing decisions.
- Conduct structured business research using qualitative and quantitative methods and present findings.
- Use business analytics tools to extract insight from financial and operational data.
- Lead operational improvement initiatives using current operations management principles.
- Deliver projects using Agile and Scrum methodologies in financial services environments.
- Apply corporate social responsibility and ESG frameworks to financial decision-making.

Admission Requirements

- US High School Diploma, GED, or international equivalent (NQF Level 4 or higher)
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in line with CIAFS institutional policy
- English language proficiency: IELTS 5.5, TOEFL iBT 60, or equivalent for non-native English speakers
- Mature applicants (21+) with relevant work experience welcomed via portfolio review

Purpose of the Qualification

To provide students with:

- Build mid-level analytical and operational competence that employers reward with promotion and salary growth.
- Develop business analytics and data-informed decision-making skills that are increasingly required in finance.
- Position graduates for analyst-track and operations-track finance careers.
- Open progression to the Diploma in Finance for advanced specialization.



Articulation Options

Graduates can articulate horizontally or vertically into:

- Diploma in Finance
- Bachelor's degree completion programs in Finance, Business Administration, or Accounting
- Industry certifications including IIBA ECBA and Certified Scrum Master

Career Opportunities

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Graduates may pursue roles such as:

- Financial Analyst
- Business Analyst
- Operations Coordinator
- Compliance Analyst
- Research Associate