



The International Facility Management Association is pleased to announce the rollout of its revamped Facility Management Professional credential. Originally developed in 2004, the FMP® is an assessment-based certificate program, the completion of which demonstrates a proven comprehension of the foundations of facility management. Currently, there are more than 1,800 FMPs throughout the world.

Facility management is a profession encompassing multiple disciplines to ensure the functionality of the built environment. Being proficient in this field requires individuals to have a broad range of knowledge and skills. In 2009, IFMA conducted a global job task analysis to better define the knowledge and skill sets required of facility professionals. An international survey of the industry was taken, asking respondents in 63 countries for the key responsibilities and challenges that defined their profession.

The enhanced FMP credential is the result of this analysis. The designation is now comprised of 11 core competencies, up from the previous nine. The four courses making up the FMP program are also more robust, having been refocused by subject matter expert content providers. The program now includes a course entitled "Finance and Business Essentials" to help facility professionals embrace the business aspect of the profession, better connect with the C-suite and add value to their organizations.

"The development of this credential has been globally comprehensive and focused on quality and pushing the profession forward," said Catherine Pavick, IFMA's vice president of education. "The content of the enhanced FMP was driven by the industry itself, as defined by practicing FMs. We've designed these courses in a way that will allow us to stay current, relevant and provide updates as needed. Our intent is to be the best and to follow the evolution of the profession."

The new FMP credential program features comprehensive training available in self-study or instructor-led classroom format. The FMP self-study program is available now, while classroom-based courses will begin in February 2011. Both learning methods feature interactive programming including print and online study tools to provide practical career training and consistent preparation and assessment.

Below are the 4 required modules of the FMP credential program.

Operations & Maintenance	Project Management	Finance & Business Essentials	Leadership & Strategy Essentials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to O&M • Assess Facility Needs • Manage/Oversee O&M of Building, Systems and Equipment • Manage/Oversee Occupant Services • Select the Best Resources • Measure & Optimize Operations & Maintenance Performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Project Management • Define Projects • Plan Projects • Manage & Oversee Projects • Close Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance & Business in the Facility Organization • Financial Management of the Facility Organization • Procurement in the Facility Organization • Contracts in the Facility Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Strategically • Lead & Manage the Facility Organization • Provide Leadership to the Entire Organization

Why pursue the FMP credential?

- The FMP can help you gain a **competitive advantage** and improve your job performance through education and recognition.
- **Build practical skills** you can apply to your job immediately, resulting in cost-savings and **added value to your organization**.
- **Earn professional credibility and recognition** from current and potential employers, clients, work teams and peers.
- Move one **step closer** to earning your **CFM credential** by taking up to three years off of your CFM experience requirement.
- **Network** with your peers at special FMP functions at local, national and international events.