Interested in taking the AICP Exam in 2020?

New program being offered on May 23, 2019, and in February/March 2020 to help Central Valley APA Members prepare for the 2020 AICP Certification Exams!

Central Valley APA Members… Do you want to become a certified planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)? If your answer is yes, here’s your chance to participate in a brand new distance learning program designed to help you (1) apply for certification and (2) prepare for the AICP exam!

If you’ve been considering becoming AICP, but you’re wondering about the benefits, take a look at the following reasons for becoming certified. These are straight from the National APA Web site, where you can get more details on certification … www.planning.org/certification.

**WHY BECOME AICP CERTIFIED?**

- Demonstrate Your Expertise
- Get an Edge in the Job Market
- Show Your Commitment to Ethics
- Grow Your Career
- Elevate Your Skills and Knowledge
- Lead the Profession
- Boost Your Professional Stature

The Central Section of CA APA wants to support AICP certification!

In a unique partnership, the Central Section of CA APA is pairing up “remotely” with the San Diego Section of the APA for a joint training session. The San Diego section has an excellent, well-established AICP Training Program with proven results. Their Training Program consists of two components:

1. An overview session to be held on **Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 6-8 p.m.** to help members prepare their applications for the 2020 AICP exams (May or November) (for $15); and
2. Four training sessions (3-hours each) over two months in February and March 2020 (for $85) (dates to be announced in the next few months).

Through this partnership, the overview and training sessions are being offered remotely to planners from the Central Valley. The sessions will be video-taped and livestreamed in real-time* using Chrome, providing opportunities for questions and comments. All sessions will be recorded, and registered Central Valley participants that miss the real-time sessions can access them at their convenience later.

Here is the [registration link for the May 23rd Overview Session](#). The registration link for the four training sessions will be made available this fall.

Short on funds? Pending funding availability, the Central Section might be able to offer AICP scholarships for Central Valley members. Contact Carolina Ilic, the new Central Section APA Professional Development Officer, at carolina.ilic@fresno.gov or 559-621-1499 for more information on potential scholarship opportunities, which will be considered on a first come, first serve basis. We encourage YOU to become AICP certified!

*Livestreaming will be tested in a “pilot” format, with recordings provided as a back-up.