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Today's Special Guests



Galyna Goncharenko, CMA, CSCA
Sr. Manager, FP&A
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Kevin Early, CMA, CSCA
Vice President Finance
Woodward



Paula Pouliot, CMA, CSCA,
CPA, CITP, CGMA
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Galyna Goncharenko's Biography

- Galyna Goncharenko has over 20 years of accounting and finance experience working in private and public companies. In the past, Galyna worked primarily in local and national healthcare companies. Her professional areas of specialty include financial analysis, forecasting, budgeting, return on investment analysis, CAPEX, and accounting and finance technology. For the past 2 years, Galyna has been part of the FICO FP&A team responsible for budgeting and forecasting of the Product and Technology Organization, and she is a part of current projects to improve profitability of the company.



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Kevin Early's Biography

- Kevin Early has 30 years of experience in finance and accounting. He is currently Vice President, Finance for the Aero Systems business group at Woodward, Inc. Woodward is an independent designer, manufacturer, and service provider of energy control and optimization solutions for aerospace and industrial markets.
- He is also past president of the Rockford, IL chapter of IMA and has been an IMA member since 1993.



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Paula Pouliot's Biography

- Paula Pouliot is the Vice President Corporate Controller for The Martin-Brower Company, LLC. In her current role, Paula is responsible for the global consolidation, financial reporting, audit & tax compliance, and Corporate G&A. She has led the financial aspects of an international legal entity restructure and has provided financial support and reporting for a large US acquisition.
- Paula is a champion of leveraging technology for finance transformation and has led the implementation of Planful (formerly known as Host Analytics) and Blackline within Martin-Brower. She is currently involved in implementing an international royalty program and global lease accounting compliance for IFRS 16 & ASC 842.



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Why the CSCA?



Strategy as a Differentiator

Studies show that businesses that successfully execute strategies outperform those that don't by a factor of 2 to 1.

40% of managers believe the greatest challenge is the failure to align their plans with the Corporate Strategy.

Source: Harvard Business Review



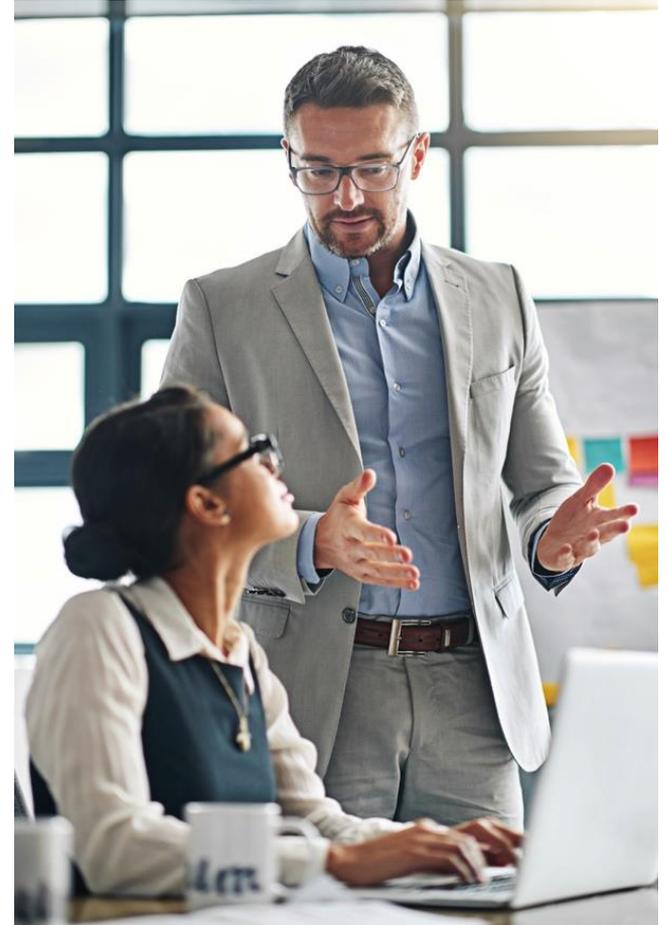
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The Need for the CSCA

The CFO team is being challenged to combine skills in strategy, operations, technology, and leadership, as well as accounting and finance, in order to become value creators.

The CSCA complements the strong planning and analysis skills developed with the CMA, adding strategic perspective and building expertise to drive strategic planning.



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- The CSCA is a specialty credential for certified accounting professionals who want to gain in-depth knowledge of strategic planning
- Offered globally (in English)
- Available to CMAs or CFMs

Invest in Your Success!

Enable and sustain your career growth

Reinforce your CMA with special expertise

Gain in-demand knowledge and skills

Differentiate yourself from your peers

Provide a strategic perspective



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CSCA Details



Key Content Areas



Strategic
Analysis



Creating
Competitive
Advantage



Strategy
Implementation
& Performance
Evaluation



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Exam Content

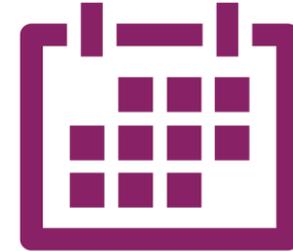


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Exam Overview

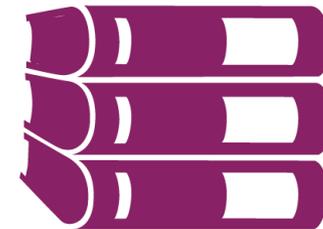
Testing Windows

- Exam offered every year in **March & September**



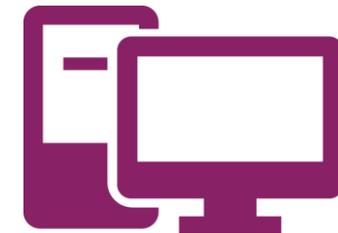
Exam structure

- 3 hours
- 60 multiple-choice questions
- 1 case study



Scoring

- Scaled score from 0 to 400
- Passing score = 280 or higher



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What Happens After the Exam

- **Exam results**
 - Available 8 weeks after end of testing month
- **If you pass**
 - You will receive e-mail notification and then an official Certificate will be mailed to you
 - You will earn 30 CPE
- **If you don't pass**
 - Performance Report is sent to you ~ 2 weeks after exam results are available
 - Shows topics that need improvement



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Preparing for the CSCA



How to Prepare for the CSCA Exam

Learning Resource Materials

- CSCA Candidate Handbook
- Content Specification Outline (CSO)
- Learning Outcome Statements (LOS)
- Reading List
- Resource Guide
- Ratio & Formula Definitions



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* Required book: *HBR's 10 Must Reads On Strategy*.



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Let's Try a Few CSCA Questions!

Let's review some sample questions taken from the CSCA test bank

Sample CSCA Question #1

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Sample CSCA Question #2

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2. Prepare for the exam

- Typical preparation time of 30-50 study hours

3. Register for the exam and sit during September 2021

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Strategy as a Differentiator

“Strategy is about making choices, trade-offs; it's about deliberately choosing to be different.”

-- Michael Porter



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CSCA Discussion



Discussion with Three CSCAs



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Questions?

Questions & Answers

Use the Q & A Panel to send your questions to our panelists.



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