

# LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 CFA® PROGRAM TRAINING

FTS will guide you through the entire CFA Program curriculum. Classes will take you through all the important topics and emphasise key concepts to help you retain vital information. Structured, focused, and motivating: these classes are designed to help you pass the CFA Program exam – first time! To see the CFA Level 1 course page, click <a href="here">here</a>, for the Level 2 course page click <a href="here">here</a>, and for the Level 3 course page click <a href="here">here</a>.

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FTS partners proudly with Kaplan Schweser, the global leader in CFA exam prep material. Kaplan Schweser has constructed the most effective and comprehensive study packages in the industry, and has helped hundreds of thousands of candidates prepare for CFA Program exams. FTS and Kaplan Schweser are CFA Institute Prep Providers.

#### **DELIVERY OPTIONS**

The Level 2 and 3 courses are online only. To decide the best FTS Level 1 delivery option for you, ask yourself:

#### For Level 1, do you want to study online or in-person?

Online classes are designed to cater for students who prefer to learn from the comfort of their home, and at convenient times. The classes consist of 75 hours of training, are archived in your online account, and can be accessed at any time. If you have questions after watching a class, Tim Davies – CFA Instructor at FTS in South Africa – is available to assist via Zoom, phone, or email.

**In-person classes** consist of 16 lectures of 4 hours each, providing a total of 64 hours of interactive training. The venue is Killarney Country Club, 60 5th Street, Houghton Estate, Johannesburg. You can find an in-person class schedule for the course on the last page of this document.

For any Level, do you want to supplement the Kaplan Schweser Masterclass and other basic materials with the Kaplan Schweser Essential Study Package?

Everyone who studies with FTS receives the **Schweser Masterclass OnDemand Classes**, which guide you through the entire CFA Program curriculum. The classes are pre-recorded and archived in your online account, and can be accessed at any time.

All delegates also receive the **Schweser Masterclass Workbooks**, a 2-volume set of workbooks containing printouts of all PowerPoint slides presented at the in-person and online classes. The workbooks contain concise but thorough coverage of the CFA Program curriculum, examples, and practice questions to guide you through the lectures.

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Everyone also receives **FTS's own material** covering areas that are pre-requisite for the 2024 exams. These areas are not part of the Kaplan Schweser's offerings, but are essential for candidates to know.

If you choose to supplement FTS' notes and slides with the Kaplan Schweser Essential Study Package, you will also receive:

#### SchweserNotes<sup>™</sup> (physical books and ebooks)

This 5-volume set consists of clear, exam-focused study notes and examples that cover every Learning Outcome Statement in the most effective possible way. The notes contain exam tips and strategies, end-of-reading module quizzes, topic assessments, and formula sheets.

- Book 1: Quantitative methods and economics
- Book 2: Financial reporting & analysis
- Book 3: Corporate issuers and equity investments
- Book 4: Fixed income, derivatives, alternative investments
- Book 5: Portfolio management, and ethical & professional standards

#### Module Videos

You can reference these 40+ hours of recorded videos as you are reading through your SchweserNotesTM books to reinforce your understanding of the material. These videos are available to view at any time.

#### SchweserPro<sup>TM</sup> QBank

The QBank prepares you for the CFA Program exam, with over 3,800 exam-like questions and custom quizzes, tutorial videos with detailed answer explanations, and performance metrics to pinpoint strengths and weaknesses.

#### CFA Institute Question Review Videos

10+ hours of in-depth CFA videos walk you through the End-of Reading questions from the CFA Institute Program curriculum. You will get expert advice and strategies from CFA instructors as they guide you through the questions.

#### CFA Mock Exams 1-4

Each practice exam mimics the length, computer-based format, and difficulty of the actual CFA Program exam, and provides detailed solutions. The exams are in the same format [Computer-based test (CBT)] as the CFA Program exam.

#### Checkpoint exams

Three checkpoint exams assess your knowledge – at 1/3 of the way through, 2/3 of the way through, and the end of the study program. These checkpoint exams simulate the length, format, difficulty and interface of the actual CFA Program exam.

#### ■ Schweser's QuickSheet<sup>™</sup>

This foldable, 6-page, laminated document summarizes key formulas, definitions, and concepts for a quick review of every major topic in the CFA Program curriculum.

#### InstructorLink

With InstructorLink, you can ask questions, and receive answers from an instructor at any time.

#### Kaplan Schweser community

This is a community forum for engaging with Schweser experts and other CFA candidates to post questions, find answers, and engage in meaningful discussions throughout your studies.

#### ■ Schweser's PassProtection<sup>TM</sup>

If you do not pass the exam, your next study package is free of charge. Terms and conditions apply.

#### **COSTS PER OPTION**

Costs do not depend on whether the course is online or in-person, but on whether the Kaplan-Schweser material is included.

| Level 1 - Online, incl. Schweser Masterclass + Package             | R14,375 incl. VAT |  |
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| Level 1 - Online, incl. Schweser Masterclass                       | R9,775 incl. VAT  |  |
| Level 1 - In person, incl. Schweser Masterclass + Package          | R18,975 incl. VAT |  |
| Level 1 - In person, incl. Schweser Masterclass R14,375 incl       |                   |  |
| Level 2 - Online, incl. Schweser Masterclass + Package R14,720 in  |                   |  |
| Level 2 - Online, incl. Schweser Masterclass                       | R9,775 incl. VAT  |  |
| Level 3 - Online, incl. Schweser Masterclass + Package R15,180 inc |                   |  |
| Level 3 - Online, incl. Schweser Masterclass                       | R9,775 incl. VAT  |  |

Flexible payment options are available. It is also possible to enroll for <u>both</u> the in-person and online classes. Please contact Skillfully for further information.

Prices do not include CFA Institute registration and exam fees. You need to register on the CFA Institute website (<u>www.cfainstitute.org</u>), and pay registration and exam fees to the Institute.

#### **ABOUT THE CFA® PROGRAM**

The CFA Program sets the global standard amongst finance professionals for investment industry knowledge. The CFA Institute - which determines the curriculum, administers the exam, and awards the charter - describes its program as a "globally recognised, graduate level curriculum that links theory and practice with real-world investment analysis and portfolio management skills." The program focuses on portfolio management, asset valuation, financial reporting, and corporate finance.

The CFA Program consists of a series of three examinations: Levels 1, 2, and 3. The Level 1 exam is offered four times per year and Level 2 and 3 exams twice per year.

The entrance requirement for the CFA Program is to have a bachelor's (or equivalent) degree, or to have two years or less remaining in your undergraduate (or equivalent) studies, or to have four years of professional work experience (which does not have to be investment-related).

### **IN-PERSON CLASS SCHEDULE FOR CFA LEVEL 1**

Classes are held 17h00 – 21h00 each day. For date info, see the details for the courses currently available on the CFA <u>Level 1 course page</u> on Skillfully.

| LECTURE NO. | DATE    | TOPIC   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| 1           | 4 Apr   | Quantitative Methods                                      |
| 2           | 11 Apr  | Quantitative Methods                                      |
| 3           | 18 Apr  | Economics   |
| 4           | 25 Apr  | Economics   |
| 5           | 2 May   | Portfolio Management (Part One)                           |
| 6           | 9 May   | Corporate Issuers   |
| 7           | 16 May  | Corporate Issuers / Financial Statement Analysis          |
| 8           | 23 May  | Financial Statement Analysis                              |
| 9           | 30 May  | Financial Statement Analysis                              |
| 10          | 6 June  | Equity Statement Analysis                                 |
| 11          | 13 June | Equity Statement Analysis                                 |
| 12          | 20 June | Fixed Income  |
| 13          | 27 June | Fixed Income  |
| 14          | 4 July  | Derivatives   |
| 15          | 11 July | Derivatives / Alternative Investments                     |
| 16          | 18 July | Alternative Investments / Portfolio Management (Part Two) |