Career Growth
CFPS Certification offers you a distinct advantage when establishing or advancing your career. Earning the CFPS credential demonstrates your proficiency and knowledge in protecting facilities from fire. It indicates a higher level of career involvement, and clearly identifies you as a dedicated employee committed to curtailing physical and financial loss due to fire.

Personal Achievement
CFPS certification differentiates you from others in your profession. It stands in recognition of your individual accomplishments, and identifies you as an authority in your field. As a CFPS, you will no longer define yourself through a job description or an academic degree. You will see yourself as a certified professional in control of your professional destiny and will find a deep sense of personal satisfaction in your career.

Practical Knowledge
Academic degrees do not always represent the full measure of professional knowledge and competence in today’s evolving job market. The CFPS certification process exposes you to a great deal of practical knowledge that you can apply on a regular basis in your job. As CFPS certification is based on the NFPA Fire Protection Handbook, you can rest assured that what you learn will help protect your facility and organization from physical and financial loss due to fire.

THE CFPS Value Proposition

Advocate for your company with a CFPS employee.
CFPS Certification

As a professional dedicated to curtailing physical and financial loss due to fire, you shoulder tremendous responsibility. Through CFPS certification, you can gain the knowledge and proficiency required to ensure the highest level of fire protection for your organization and facility.

Certified Fire Protection Specialist is an internationally recognized credential that speaks to your commitment to fire protection, and distinguishes you as someone who is willing to invest the time and effort to enhance your career.

Certificate holders come from a wide variety of disciplines including the fire service, insurance, design, manufacturing, consulting, and asset, property, and facilities management fields.

A Brief History

The Certified Fire Protection Specialist Board was formed in 1971 to recognize, through certification, qualified individuals who are dedicated to curtailing both physical and financial loss due to fire.

Since 1998, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has administered the Certified Fire Protection Specialist (CFPS) program. More than 2,000 professionals have acquired a level of expertise and professionalism through applied work experiences, related educational opportunities, and through successful completion of the CFPS exam.

CFPS Eligibility

A specific degree is not mandatory for obtaining your CFPS designation. The title of CFPS shall be awarded to any candidate with a proportional balance of education and experience; and who has successfully passed an examination attesting to that level of educations and experience.

To be eligible to take the CFPS examination, candidates must document on the registration form that they meet one of the following criteria:

➤ High school diploma, plus six years of verifiable work experience dedicated to curtailing fire loss, both physical and financial.

➤ Associate’s degree in engineering, technology or other related discipline from an accredited college or university, plus four years of verifiable work experience dedicated to curtailing fire loss, both physical and financial.

➤ Bachelor’s degree in engineering, technology, or other related discipline from an accredited college or university, plus two years of verifiable work experience dedicated to curtailing fire loss, both physical and financial.

Common Industries/Positions Served

Property Insurance – Loss Prevention
Facilities/Property Managers
Designers/Engineers/Consultants/Safety
Fire Service – Officers
Petroleum/Chemical/Pharmaceutical – Fire Protection
Utility/Manufacturing/Healthcare/Government/Hotel

The CFPS Exam

The CFPS exam is based on the NFPA Fire Protection Handbook, a single – source handbook on the state-of-the-art in fire protection and fire prevention practices. The handbook is organized around the six major strategies that are the building blocks of a systems approach to fire safety through balanced fire protection. The six strategies are: Prevention of Ignition, Design to Slow Early Fire Growth, Detection & Alarm, Suppression, Confinement of Fire, and Evacuation of Occupants.

The three-hour exam is offered as both a paper and pencil test and a computer based test. It is comprised of 100 multiple choice questions and follows an open book format utilizing NFPA’s Fire Protection Handbook.

Registering Is Easy

If you or someone in your organization or facility is responsible for curtailing physical and financial loss due to fire, the CFPS credential can help. Contact the Certification department at:

National Fire Protection Association
c/o Certification Department
1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02169
Telephone: 617-984-7484
Fax: 617-984-7127
Email: cfps@nfpa.org

For more program information and an application, log onto:

www.nfpa.org/certification