



EXAMP PREPARATION

How much time to allocate to prepare for the FDP exam? [This varies for everyone but on average we hear 150-200 hours \(comparable](#)

[Will the syllabus change again for the upcoming exam? and the prerequisites to say? 53:02 in the webinar recording \(if changes are required\) FDP will only change the curriculum to the FDP Exam once per year. the March exam these changes will be announced and will go into effect for the November.](#)

EXAM CONTENT

- How much calculation and programming should candidates expect on FDP exam? [31:58 in the webinar](#)
- I didn't understand thoroughly about the curriculum, should we study 6 different books for the exam?!
 - Please check out www.fdpinstitute.org/curriculum
 - 8 readings can be found in the IPR E-Book (only \$99 for FDP Exam registrants)
 - 12 readings can be found in Topics for Financial Data Science (Free for FDP Exam registrants)
 - Additionally there are 3 books –
 - Make sure you reference the study guide as the LO's and Keywords will tell you exactly what to focus on.

NOVEMBER 2019 Exam

- What is the pass rate? [77%](#)

CAREER/ EMPLOYER

- How does earning FDP charter help someone who's new to the domain/Financial Data science industry having a background in Finance or being a CFA/CAIA/FRM Aspirant???
 - Generally speaking, in order to extract maximum benefits from tools and techniques covered in FDP, candidates should have some degree of subject matter expertise. FDP program and curriculum assumes that candidates have sufficient background in finance — an undergraduate degree in finance or related areas or a graduate degree in business are highly recommended. Also, while CFA and CAIA are much better known, they focus only on the asset management industry, whereas FDP is much wider and what candidates learn has applications in many areas of financial industry. Finally, in terms of opportunities, it is well know data analytics is the fastest growing area in financial industry. For someone who has some background in finance and is interested in having the flexibility to work in various areas of the financial industry, FDP is an excellent choice.
- what sort of outreach are you doing with potential employers to build awareness of this credential? [46:46 in the webinar recording](#)

GENERAL

- Should we collect the data first or build the engine first then collect the required data?
 - [37:33 in the webinar recording](#)
- How does FDP compare with CQF? [44:29 in the webinar recording](#)
- Are you going to distribute video recording and slides after the conference? [Yes: www.fdpinstitute.org/webinars](#)
- Is there a waiver for CFA Holders [not at this time](#)