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<b>LIST OF AICP EXAM STUDY MATERIALS &amp; RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Study Material/Resource</b>	<b>What is it?</b>	<b>Where to find it?</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Planetizen AICP Exam Preparation Class</b> <i>Planetizen</i>	An online course designed to help students focus on the information most likely to appear on the AICP exam. Each topic is organized into a series of easy-to-review lessons which can be completed in approximately 20-30 minutes. This online course includes 9 hours of streaming video training, 3 practice exams, a pretest evaluation, and discussion forums to interact with other students and course staff.	<a href="http://www.planetizen.com/store/aicp">www.planetizen.com/store/aicp</a>	\$245
<b>AICP Exam Prep 3.0</b> <i>American Institute of Certified Planners</i>	A comprehensive web-based course published by the American Institute of Certified Planners. Features include: Over 50 lessons/sections on topics that cover the entire exam content; 12 hours of streaming video and PowerPoints in 8-15 minute lessons that are easy to review and understand; 4.5 hours of streaming video of ethics sessions; sample test questions; and searchable glossary with thousands of definitions.	<a href="http://www.planning.org/certification/examprep/">www.planning.org/certification/examprep/</a>	\$249
<b>AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct</b>	The AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct offers help for certified planners as they negotiate the tough ethical and moral dilemmas they sometimes face. (*5% of the exam will test your understanding of the Code of Ethics!)	<a href="http://www.planning.org/ethics/ethicscode.htm">www.planning.org/ethics/ethicscode.htm</a>	Free
<b>Chapter President's Council Study Manual</b> <i>American Planning Association</i>	The APA's Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) offers its CPC Study Manual on CD for those who are preparing to take the AICP written exam. The purpose of the study manual is to help review basic planning concepts and to practice skills that are necessary for taking a multiple-choice test. The Manual can be ordered through the California Chapter office.	<a href="http://www.apacalifornia.org/professional-development/aicp">www.apacalifornia.org/professional-development/aicp</a>	\$15
<b>APA Policy Guides</b> <i>American Planning Association</i>	APA policies are developed through a thorough process of chapter and division involvement under the overall guidance of the Legislative and Policy Committee. In addition to articulating specific policies that establish principles for better addressing our issues, APA develops more specific guidelines that recommend specific actions on the part of APA members through leadership, chapters, divisions, and allied organizations that move toward an improved social and political environment for planning to play its most effective role. Together, these two elements — policies and general recommendations — form APA Policy Guides.	<a href="http://www.planning.org/policy/guides">www.planning.org/policy/guides</a>	Free

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<b>Local Planning: Contemporary Principles and Practice</b> ("The Green Book") <i>ICMA</i>	Commonly referred to as the "green book," this book defines the practice of planning in the United States. <i>Local Planning: Contemporary Principles and Practice</i> is the all-new edition of the popular book, <i>The Practice of Local Government Planning</i> , which has been the valued resource for preparing for the AICP. (*On APA's suggested reading list.)	Various online retailers, or <a href="http://www.bookstore.icma.org">www.bookstore.icma.org</a>	Varies
<b>Everyday Ethics for Practicing Planners</b> <i>American Planning Association</i>	Carol Barrett offers planners a way to recognize the ethical conflicts that arise, analyze them, and apply relevant sections of the AICP Code of Ethics. The 54 real-world scenarios described in this book typify the tough moral dilemmas that confront today's practitioners. (*On APA's suggested reading list.)	Various online retailers	Varies
<b>Contemporary Urban Planning (10<sup>th</sup> Ed.)</b> <i>John M. Levy</i>	Provides readers with in-depth coverage of the historic, economic, political, legal, and environmental factors affecting urban planning as well as specific chapters on the various fields of planning. The book was updated in 2012 to address recent trends and the most pressing issues in urban development today.	Various online retailers. Can also be rented through Amazon.	Varies
<b>Planning Webcast Series</b> <i>Co-Sponsored by APA Chapters, Divisions and Universities that support the Planning Webcast Consortium</i>	Recordings of previous AICP exam review presentations are available for viewing on the Planning Webcast's YouTube Channel. This webcast series features AICP exam review sessions on a variety of study topics. "Planning Webcast Series" is a co-op comprised of APA Chapters and Divisions that provides cost-free webcasts to a national audience.	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/PlanningWebcast">www.youtube.com/user/PlanningWebcast</a> (Or search "Planning Webcast Series AICP")	Free
<b>Timeline of American Planning History</b>	The American Planning Association previously compiled a timeline of important events in American planning history. While the list is no longer published on APA's website, it can be found through outside sources.	Internet search	Free
<b>Professional Development Committee Study Notes 2007 &amp; Various Resources</b> <i>American Planning Association, Pennsylvania Chapter</i>	The Pennsylvania Chapter of APA provides a succinct list of free study materials and resources on its Chapter website, including a set of study notes to help planners who are preparing to take the AICP Exam. The notes are based on several sources and address a wide variety of study areas. The notes were compiled over several years by Lee Slusser and Dave McFarland of the Professional Development Committee.	<a href="http://www.planningpa.org/forplanners/professional-planners/aicp-exam-prep/">www.planningpa.org/forplanners/professional-planners/aicp-exam-prep/</a>	Free

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<b>AICP Exam 2014 Study Links</b> <i>American Planning Association,                      Florida Chapter</i>	A comprehensive list of free online resources to help planners prepare for the AICP exam. The purpose of this website is to allow individuals to work on their weaknesses, and to know where to find AICP exam-related information, including practice questions. This website was developed by the Professional Development Office of the Florida Chapter of APA.	<a href="http://www.floridaplanning.org/treasurecoast/aicp_links.pdf">www.floridaplanning.org/                      treasurecoast/aicp_links.pdf</a>	Free
<b>National Planning Awards</b> <i>American Planning Association</i>	National Planning Pioneers: Awards presented to pioneers of the profession who have made personal and direct innovations that have significantly and positively redirected planning practice, education, or theory with long-term results.  National Planning Landmark Award: Awards presented for projects that are historically significant, initiated a new direction in planning or impacted American planning, cities or regions over a broad range of time or space.	Pioneers: <a href="http://www.planning.org/awards/pioneers.htm">www.planning.org/awards/                      pioneers.htm</a>  Landmarks: <a href="http://www.planning.org/awards/landmarks.htm">www.planning.org/awards/                      landmarks.htm</a>	Free
<b>Free Flashcards</b> <i>Study Stack</i>	Free flashcards prepared by others who have studied for the AICP exam have been shared on Study Stack. Flashcards may be viewed online or printed.	<a href="http://www.studystack.com">www.studystack.com</a> (Search "AICP")	Free
<b>Planning Prep</b>	Planning Prep is a free web-based study resource to help planners prepare for the AICP exam. The website currently has 1668 practice questions and 12 practice exams accessible to members. Each question contains an explanation for each correct answer. Links for further reading are also provided with questions to help members find additional information about the topic.	<a href="http://www.PlanningPrep.com">www.PlanningPrep.com</a> (Must be a registered member)	Free
<b>AICP Study Materials on CD by Mike Waiczis</b>	The CD includes: practice and teaching exams; glossary of planning terms; law, history and ethics study guide; planning topics study manual; and synopsis of the "green book". Study materials can also be emailed upon request.	Email: Mike Waiczis at <a href="mailto:waiczis4aicp@yahoo.com">waiczis4aicp@yahoo.com</a>	\$99
<b>Essential Readings in Urban Planning</b> <i>Planetizen</i>	The reader consists of assembled readings that are recommended by the American Planning Association and some which, in Planetizen's opinion, represent the key knowledge necessary to become a certified planner. This reader is a comprehensive, 650+ page, bound book that is a collection of essential readings.	<a href="http://www.planetizen.com/store/aicp">www.planetizen.com/store/aicp</a>	\$369