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## **Course Information**

Course Title: Capital Budgeting #364424

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**CPA: 5** (All states)

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#### **Course Description:**

The decision to invest is a continual challenge, requiring insights into a firm's strategic direction, bottlenecks, cash flows, and expected risks. The *Capital Budgeting* course provides clarity by describing the process flow for capital requests. It also covers the primary methods for determining whether a proposed investment is acceptable, as well as a number of strategic and risk-based considerations. Lease or buy financing options are also discussed, along with a system of capital budgeting controls. In short, the course provides the knowledge to assemble and operate a reliable capital budgeting system.

#### **Course Content**

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Final exam (online): Twenty-five questions (multiple-choice).

**Program Delivery Method:** NASBA QAS Self-Study (interactive)

#### **Subject Codes/Field of Study**

NASBA (CPA): Finance

#### **Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements**

Program level: Overview

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: None.

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## **Learning Objectives**

- Recognize the alterations available for improving an investment proposal, why sunk costs are excluded from proposals, and the alternatives for capital rationing.
- Identify the market conditions in which different types of investments and investment decisions will be made.
- Identify the basis for discounted cash flow analysis, and how net present value can be used.
- Identify the elements of the cost of capital, and note how the cost of capital is calculated.
- Recognize the derivation of throughput, the best ways to improve financial results, and situations in which local optimization is occurring.
- Recognize the uses to which payback, real option, and complex environment analysis can be used to review investment proposals.
- Specify the concepts involved in the lease or buy decision process, and the information to include in or exclude from the decision.
- Identify the issues to be verified as part of the analysis of a capital budgeting request form.

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