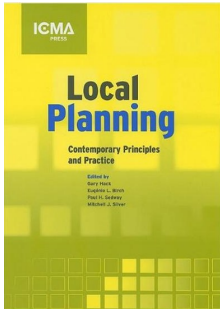


AICP Study Material

These were the three most helpful background resources when I started studying:



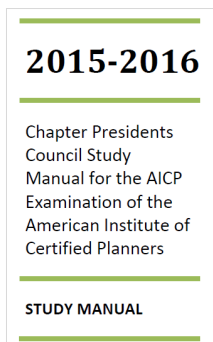
Local Planning: Contemporary Principles and Practice: If you only have time to read one book cover to cover when studying.

Author: Edited by Gary Hack, Eugenie L. Birch, Paul H. Sedway
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The Practice of Local Government Planning: The latest editions of the previous versions are helpful, too. Can usually be found cheap on Amazon. Make sure to get at least the 3rd edition.

(ISBN-13: 978-0873261715)



Chapter Presidents Study Manual: Incredibly helpful. Skim the entire thing initially and continually reference when taking practice exams and reviewing relevant topics. Ask Professional Development Officer for latest version.

In addition to CCAPA material, the following chapters have incredibly useful AICP prep materials on their websites:

- New Jersey
- North Carolina (Good resource for Law)
- Pennsylvania (Very comprehensive)

Practice Exams

PlanningPrep.com

A web-based study resource for AICP prep.

Features

1,668 practice questions, taken by random, by category (i.e. history, theory and law), or searchable by keyword. Questions provide the answers to the questions, along with links providing additional research.

12 Practice exams, 150-questions in length to help you pace and prepare for the AICP exam.

Detailed user statistics providing feedback on strengths and weaknesses— how many questions you have taken, how many you have gotten correct, as a total and by area of focus.

If you have extended time to study:

- 1) Read background material: *Local Planning: Contemporary Principles and Practice and The Practice of Local Government Planning*. Skim Chapter Presidents Study Manual (CPC).
- 2) Register with PlanningPrep.com and start taking some practice exams. **Important: Record and keep track of your results, especially the questions you get wrong!**
- 3) You may notice a pattern in the questions you consistently miss or are stumped by. That's where to focus your efforts. Refer back to the CPC and other chapter prep material and make your own notes and study tools—timeline for history, flashcards for law cases, etc.
- 4) APA Planning Advisory Service can be helpful for filling in gaps in your knowledge (PAS Reports, PAS Memos, PAS QuickNotes, etc.). Include Planetizen news articles and similar resources in your regular news consumption to stay current.
- 5) Don't cram—set a consistent study schedule and give yourself enough time.