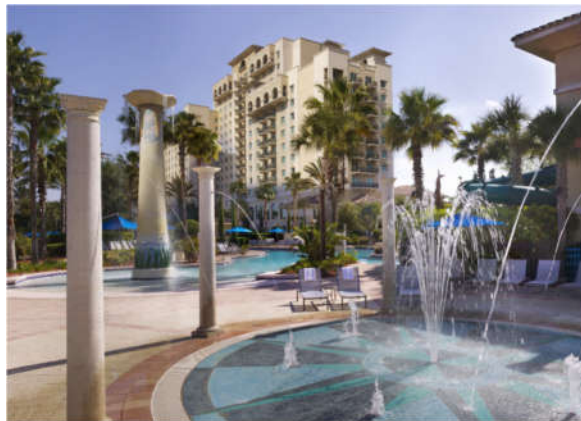




ICVS-A Live Training



***ICVS with Advanced Studies in
Financial Instruments***



**December 16-18, 2019 at
the Omni Orlando Golf Resort**

- Valuation Techniques for Financial Instruments
- Fair Value Accounting
- Python Programming Language

<http://www.cfibv.org/Training%201>

ICVS-A:



The International Association of Certified Valuation Specialists, in conjunction with the Center for International Business Valuation, has added an advanced level to the ICVS credential; valuers can now earn the ICVS with Advanced Studies in Financial Instruments (ICVS-A).

The Credential:

The body of knowledge for the ICVS-A was developed by Dr. Joel M. DiCicco, CPA, BCA, ICVS, a full-time member of the Executive Business and Department of Accounting faculty at Florida Atlantic University's College of Business and a former Territory Manager for the Financial Products Division of the IRS. This advanced credential in the fair value of financial instruments can be earned along with the initial ICVS or can be added to enhance a current ICVS credential. The ICVS-A designation requires an understanding of valuation techniques for various financial instruments, ranging from basic securities to complex derivative constructs.

Course Summary:


Critical learning objectives of this ICVS-A training program include:

- **Applying accounting standards for fair value and understanding the history behind the fair value movement**
- **Ascertaining the purposes behind the issuance and development of many complex derivatives**
- **Utilizing valuation techniques for financial products**
- **Programming using the fundamentals of Python**

The inaugural live training, presented with the Southeast Chapter of Business Appraisers, will be held in Orlando, Florida, USA, on December 16, 17, and 18. Business Valuers with a credential such as the ICVS, ASA, ABV, CICBV, BCA, or CVA are welcome to attend. Upon completion of the training program, students can participate in the ICVS-A credentialing exam.

Note that the ICVS-A exam is apart from the training. Students must register separately for the exam and additional study is recommended prior to taking the test. A passing score is required to earn the ICVS-A designation.

Contact Heidi (heidi@diciccofamily.net) or <http://www.cfibv.org/> for more specific information about the training, or Joel (joel@diciccofamily.net) for more specific information on the curriculum and ICVS-A credential.



About the Course Instructor: Dr. Joel DiCicco

Dr. Joel DiCicco is a CPA with over 30 years of practitioner experience in finance, taxation, and accounting/auditing. For approximately 20 years, Joel worked for the IRS with increasingly responsible jobs leading up to his position as Territory Manager for the Financial Products team east of the Mississippi. In this role, he worked and supervised the most complex and sophisticated tax structuring and valuation issues, utilizing many of the latest forensic techniques applied in tracking the true substance of transactions. Part of this role included overseeing the valuation of emerging and complex financial instruments, formulating policies and tax positions, reviewing and evaluating issues pertaining to structured products, debt/equity concerns, abusive transactions, and valuations, and performing complex mathematical valuations of these instruments.



Dr. Joel M. DiCicco, CPA,
CFF, ICVS, BCA, PFS, CGMA

Dr. DiCicco also was the lead instructor for all three phases of the IRS's National Financial Product Training and he served on details as Territory Manager for both Global High Wealth and Large Business Employment Taxes. Further, Joel developed multiple training guides and toolkits spanning a variety of emerging issues in conjunction with the IRS National Office legal division.

Dr. DiCicco currently is on the Editorial Review Board for the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has been a faculty member at Florida Atlantic University for more than 15 years and is now a full-time instructor for the Graduate Executive MBA program. Over these years, he has taught courses in accounting, finance, and taxation. In addition, Joel is quite involved with both FAU's Financial Analyst and Master of Science in Finance programs. Dr. DiCicco is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF), Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA), and Personal Financial Specialist (PFS).



The Credentialing Exam:

Upon completion of the training program, students can participate in the ICVS-A credentialing exam, which is comprised of a case study and valuation problems concerning derivative products. The ICVS-A designation requires an understanding of valuation techniques for various financial instruments, ranging from basic securities to complex derivative constructs. The test covers fair value accounting under both US GAAP and IFRS, the valuation of financial instruments (including derivative products), and the use of Python programming language (the language of choice for valuing financial derivatives).

The exam is separate from the training, and can be purchased from and is administered by IACVS.



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Learning Objectives:

Successful training program participants will be able to:

- 1. Apply accounting standards for fair value and understand the history behind the fair value movement**
- 2. Ascertain the purposes behind the issuance and development of many complex derivatives**
- 3. Utilize valuation techniques for financial products**
- 4. Program using the fundamentals of Python**

Continuing Education Units:

Continuing Professional Education units meeting the standards of the Florida State Board of Accountancy:

1. Live Training (22 hours)

• **Technical Business – 11 hours**

• **Accounting and Auditing – 11 hours**

2. Recommended Optional Self-Study for the ICVS-A credentialing exam. The online training program is included with the tuition for the live training. The exam is not included as part of the training.

Recorded online materials and practice problems included with the live training (58 hours)

- **Technical Business – 29 hours**
 - **Accounting and Auditing – 29 hours**
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Venue

Orlando, Florida, USA
December 16-18, 2019

Resort Accommodations

The training will be held at the Omni Orlando Golf Resort in ChampionsGate, Florida. Room reservations at the ICVS-A group rate are limited and the price includes the resort fee. For more information, use the link found on the CfIBV website, or contact the resort directly:

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CHAMPIONSGATE , FLORIDA , 33896
(407) 390-6664



Walt Disney World Tickets

Discounted Walt Disney World theme park tickets are available through the CfIBV website, or by copying the following link into your browser:

<https://www.mydisneygroup.com/cfibvicvs2019>

ICVS-A Training Topics

**20%
Early Bird Discount
Until August 15**

The following topics
will be covered:

- Introduction and history of fair value
- Accounting for Fair Value under US GAAP and IFRS
- Fair Value methodologies for equities and debt instruments
- Approaches to valuing securitized debt securities
- Fundamentals and valuation of derivatives/complex financial instruments
- Python programming basics and libraries

Business Valuers with a credential such as the ICVS, ASA, ABV, CICBV, BCA, or CVA are welcome to attend. These materials are advanced in format and require students to have a thorough understanding of business valuation techniques.

Enroll through the CfIBV website or by using this link:
<https://www.mdgu.us/course/ICVS-A>

Price: \$1,500

Purchase includes the live training, the complete ICVS-A online course with test prep materials (when it becomes available), a printed manual, and catered breakfast, lunch, and snack breaks on the three days of the training.



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