

Commercial & Contract Management Certifications



Earn WorldCC's Commercial & Contract Management (CCM) certification – setting the global standard for this professional capability



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Learning with WorldCC

We are dedicated to supporting our members from all around the world to achieve high performing and trusted trading relationships. A key pillar of that support is learning and development. We address the growing need across all private and public organizations for everyone to be able to prepare, understand and manage contracts, and be skilled at managing commercial relationships.

Invest in yourself

The world is changing. Fast. And it has never been more important to continue to develop the skills and knowledge that provide a competitive edge. Certification demonstrates your abilities and communicates your value.

Reduce friction costs by aligning around a core body of knowledge

Organizations live and die based on their ability to win and deliver contracts. Teams cannot afford to have disparate understanding of the contracting process or misaligned levels of integration and coordination. Teams must operate from the same core body of knowledge and incorporate best practices. Reduce friction points and create value by ensuring the same core understanding of the commercial and contracting process. Achieve this core understanding through team-wide certification, supporting individuals at the Associate level, through to Expert.

Build commercial excellence

Contracts and contracting processes are undergoing substantial change. Digital transformation underpins the evolution, which was accelerated by the global pandemic and the vivid exposure of the existing inadequacies.

Training is the backbone to support the successful implementation of change. Beyond technical training on new systems and processes, a deeper transition must be supported. To achieve commercial excellence, teams must engage in re-skilling to learn how to effectively leverage contracts as business assets and vehicles for communication in their role. These various dimensions of training are critical to successful transformation.

We are committed to helping our members improve their capabilities, and to connect to share knowledge and leading practice. We are here to help you and your organization achieve success.

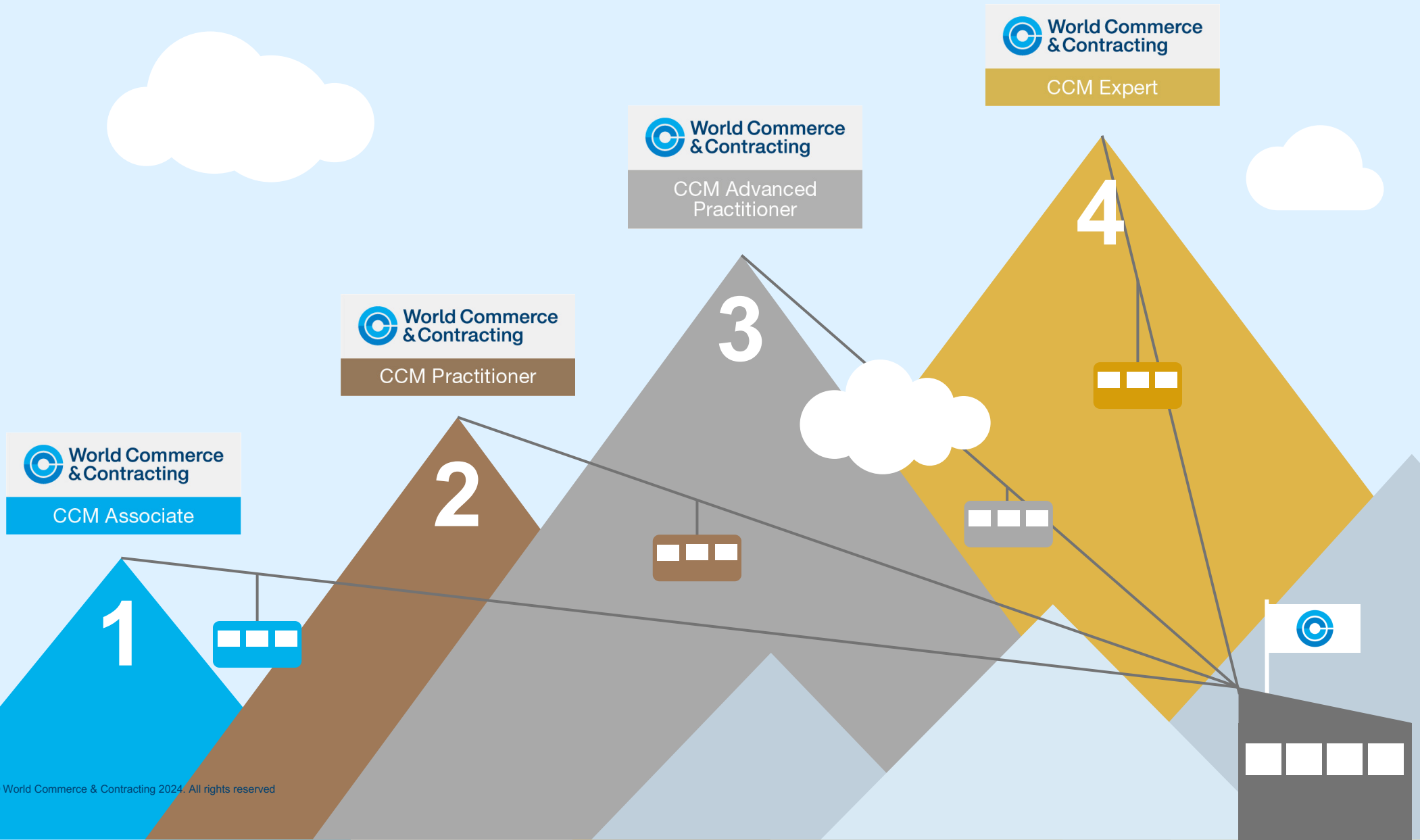


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CCM Path to Commercial Excellence



CCM Fundamentals (Associate)

Undertake the CCM Fundamentals Certification to learn the basics of commercial and contract management and grow your professional status. This course provides the essentials to build confidence and equip you with concepts and practices you can apply straight away. If you are new to the world of contracting we recommend starting with the Fundamentals course before moving on to the CCM and SRM practitioner-level certification programs.

Who the program is for

The Fundamentals course is suitable for commercial and contract professionals new to the role, and individuals who support the commercial function.

WorldCC Members

On successful completion of the Fundamentals program, members achieve a certificate and become a WorldCC CCM Associate.

Associate certification is valid for two years. To renew, you'll need to be an active member and to have collected 20 CPD points.



CCM Associate

The program includes

- Micro-instructional presentations
- The e-book 'Fundamentals of Contract and Commercial Management'
- Knowledge check-ins throughout the course
- Social learning through discussion boards
- A 45-minute closed-book exam
- Associate level Commercial and Contract Management Certification
- 10 continuing professional development (CPD) points
- Additional reading materials, covering core principles and their real-world impacts

Ways to learn

Self-paced

Complete online courses for the Fundamentals program on your own schedule. Benefit from social and micro-learning instruction embedded in the delivery.

Virtual or in-person

Contact WorldCC to discuss options for custom curriculum and virtual or in-person delivery to meet your training needs.

Benefits and objectives

Individuals or teams will emerge with an understanding of:

- The significance and role of contracts and contract professionals in the world of business
- Practical concepts and techniques to apply in your work
- The essentials of the contracting lifecycle
- How to identify and manage risk and opportunity
- Important concepts in contracts and associated legal considerations
- The principles and process of contract negotiation
- Effective post-award delivery and operations (governance)

CCM Practitioner, Advanced Practitioner, and Expert

Undertake the CCM Certification to earn the Commercial & Contract Management (CCM) Certification that sets the global standard for this professional capability.

Benefits

For individuals and teams

- Real-world focus: provides you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to apply contract management principles to your day-to-day work.
- Comprehensive curriculum: the program covers a wide range of topics to give you a fully-rounded understanding of CCM.
- Career development: internationally recognized certification available, with up to 60 CPD points.
- Flexible learning options: self-paced e-learning or blended e-learning and virtual workshops.
- Online learning resources: access a wealth of online learning resources, including webinars, case studies, and white papers.
- Global perspective: the program provides a global perspective on contract management, focusing on the latest trends and best practices. This prepares participants to work effectively in a global business environment, where contracts and commercial relationships can be complex and challenging.
- Networking opportunities: as a member, you can connect and network with other contract, procurement, and supply chain professionals, building valuable relationships and expanding your professional network.

For employers

- Measurable results: the programs are designed to deliver measurable results, with a focus on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of contract management processes.
- Improved clarity and consistency: implementing clear and consistent practices can help to avoid confusion and ensure common organizational goals are met. This can lead to more efficient operations and increased productivity.
- Employee growth and excellence: demonstrate investment in your people by nurturing their growth, and create a more engaged and motivated workforce. Leading to increased job satisfaction, better performance, and a more positive workplace culture.
- Positive workplace culture: instilling a culture of positivity and support can lead to a more engaged and motivated workforce, better retention rates, and improved overall morale. This can also help to create a more collaborative and supportive work environment.
- Enhanced organizational status: enhance your organization's reputation and influence, leading to increased credibility, improved stakeholder relationships, and greater success in achieving your goals.

Pre-assessment

Because we are certifying the level of achievement, a pre-assessment of current experience and skills is compulsory for Advanced Practitioner and recommended for cohorts at Practitioner level. It's simple to perform and ensures you are matched to the right program. Pre-assessment is validated through a short Q&A and an independent and qualified reviewer familiar with your work (i.e. a line manager or recent previous employer).

If you are already certified at the WorldCC CCM Practitioner level, you can go to the Advanced Practitioner program, provided you've been certified for over one year. Experienced practitioners that have not been previously certified can also go straight to the Advanced Practitioner level if they qualify for that level in their pre-assessment. The CCM certification program, at all levels, is only open to WorldCC members.

Ways to learn

Self-paced: Complete online courses for CCM certification on your own schedule. Benefit from social and micro-learning instruction embedded in the delivery, as well as access to latest research in the field.

Custom blended (Practitioner and Advanced Practitioner): [Contact us](#) to discuss options for a custom curriculum and delivery to meet your needs.



Program features

- Learning: self-paced (all levels) or blended (Corporate cohorts only).
- Exam: 2-hour online exam includes approximately 100 questions (Practitioner and Advanced).
- Presentation (Expert): develop a Business Case on an issue of practice or policy of your choice.

Development in CCM

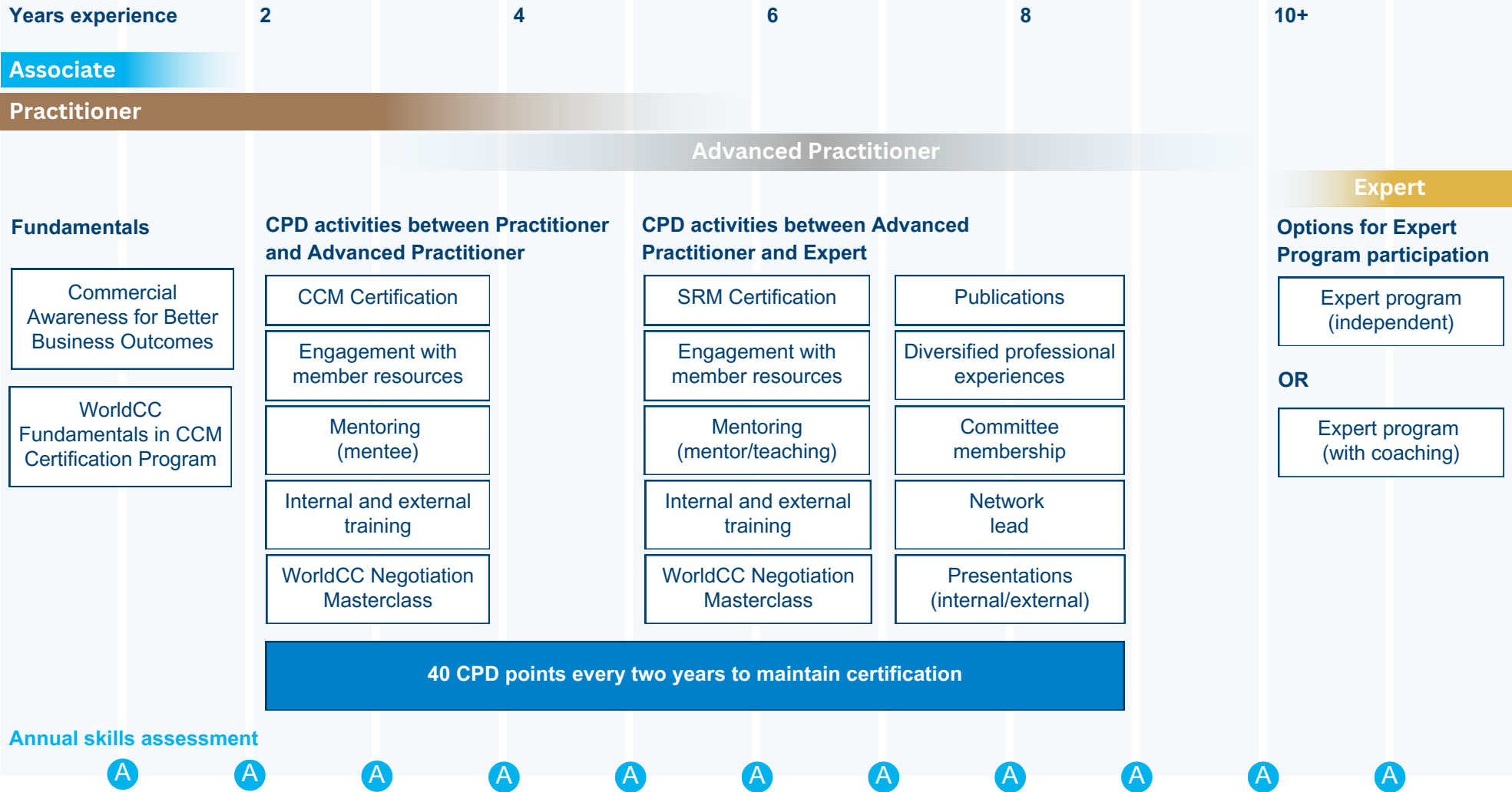
Practitioner and Advanced Practitioner levels

At Practitioner and Advanced Practitioner levels, participants must complete all applicable courses and assessments, as well as participate in discussion threads, before taking their final exam. The program is open for 12 months, though most candidates complete in around 6 months or less.

Expert level

The Expert Program is a progression of the Advanced Practitioner syllabus, giving candidates an opportunity to demonstrate the skills and knowledge required to lead change within their organization. Candidates identify a commercial issue within their organization and prepare a Business Case for

change that influences the issue to reduce value leakage and achieve relevant organizational objectives. An Expert Panel assesses the candidates' written submission and presentation of the Business Case. The organization also receives the benefit of the Business Case and moves closer to achieving commercial excellence.



CCM Certification program details

Refreshed
content and
curriculum for
2024



CCM Associate

1. Introduction

- Introduction to Commercial Contract Management (CCM)

2. Essentials of Commercial Contract Management

- The Contract Lifecycle
- Core Principles

3. Initiate

- The First Step of the Lifecycle
- Understanding Requirements

4. Bid

- The RFx Documents and the Buyer Perspective
- Bid and Proposal Management – the Seller Perspective

5. Develop 1

- Selecting a Contract Type
- Preliminary Agreements and Sale of Goods

6. Develop 2

- Selling Goods and Services; Licenses and Leases
- Other Business Relationships and Complex Agreements

7. Negotiate

- Strategy and Style

8. Manage 1

- Transitioning to a New Contract
- Managing Changes and Disputes

9. Manage 2

- Managing Performance
- Delivering, Invoicing, Benchmarking



CCM Practitioner

0. Frameworks for CCM

- The Importance of a Consistent, Holistic View of Value Creation
- Uncertainty Management
- A Holistic Approach to Commercial Models
- Optimizing the Contracting Lifecycle

1. Initiate

- Contract Administration
- Requirements Definition
- Cost Benefit Analysis
- Sourcing Options
- Undertaking a Terms Audit
- Cost Identification

2. Bid

- RFI, RFP, RFQ
- Responding to RFPs
- Opportunity Management
- Bid Process and Rules
- Influence of Laws on the Bid Process
- Evaluation Criteria
- Stakeholder Management

3. Develop

- Contract and Relationship Types
- Terms and Conditions Overview
- Partnership, Alliances and Distribution
- Statement of Work / Service Level Agreement Production
- Drafting Guidelines and Considerations
- Other Strategic Considerations

4. Negotiate

- Negotiation Planning Overview and Objectives
- Framing, Strategy and Goals
- Negotiation Styles and Approaches
- Negotiation Techniques
- Tactics, tricks and Lessons Learned
- Pricing and Financial Considerations

5. Manage

- Implementation and Communication
- Monitoring and Performance Management
- Contract Change Management
- Dispute Handling and Resolution
- Contract Close Out

Objectives

These programs set the standard for professional capability in commercial and contract management. Their objective is to support recognition for this fast-growing discipline, to create consistency in role and purpose at every level within the function, and to equip both individuals and teams with the knowledge and methods needed for their success.

CCM Certification Program Details



CCM Advanced
Practitioner

1. Introductory

- Commercial Excellence

2. Personal

- Leadership and Becoming a Trusted Advisor
- Negotiating, Including Virtual Negotiations
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- Supplier Relationship Management (SRM)
- Cross-Cultural Effectiveness in Trading Relationships
- Interactive Case Study: Negotiation

3. Business acumen

- Top Ten Pitfalls to Avoid in Contracting
- Visualization and Design
- Managing and Mitigating Cost and Risk
- Advanced Financial Considerations
- Simplifying and Streamlining Processes
- Benchmarking
- Government contracting / Public services procurement
- Third Party Channels
- Ethics, Compliance and Sustainability
- Interactive Case Study: Workgroup Analysis

4. Technical

- Leadership and Becoming a Trusted
- Intellectual Property
- Competition and Anti-trust
- Relational and Outcome-based Contracting
- Governance and Standards
- Outsourcing Strategies and Tools
- International Trading
- Drafting Operational Terms
- Industries and Contract Types
- Agile Contracting and Managing Change
- Creating a Contract Management Plan
- Using Technology to Become More Effective
- Interactive Case Study: Complex Relationships



CCM Expert

1. Transforming learning into business value

- The expert program represents a logical extension from the Advanced Practitioner syllabus. It converts theory into action through an active business case. You demonstrate how techniques, strategies and knowledge are applied to achieve approval for the business case.

2. Demonstrating achievement in the expert program

The judging criteria are:

- Your preparation of the business case presentation, including evidence of supporting research
- Understanding and evidence of stakeholder analysis
- Demonstration of influencing skills through the quality (behavioral and technical) of your presentation

Price

Self-paced learning per person

Fundamentals
(10 hours, 10 CPD points)

US\$
395
per person

Practitioner
(80 hours, 80 CPD points)

US\$
1495
per person

Advanced Practitioner
(60 hours, 60 CPD points)

US\$
1495
per person

Expert
(6-9 months)

US\$
995
per person

Custom Blended cohort minimum 25

Practitioner
(80 hours, 80 CPD points)

POA

Advanced Practitioner
(60 hours, 60 CPD points)

POA

Company-specific learning portal with a minimum of 6 people

Practitioner and Advanced Practitioner

US\$
1500
per person

In addition to the price per person, there is a one-off cost per company of US\$ 1,500

Benefits

- Self-contained company cohort for secure forum and discussions
- Better reporting and tracking

About WorldCC

World Commerce & Contracting is a not-for-profit association dedicated to helping its global members achieve high performing and trusted trading relationships.

With 75,000 members from over 20,000 companies across 180 countries worldwide, the association welcomes everyone with an interest in better contracting: business leaders, practitioners, experts and newcomers.

It is independent, provocative and disciplined, existing for its members, the contracting community and society at large.

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