



AAPL Certified Physician Executive

Since 1997, 4,400+ physicians have earned the CPE — the pinnacle of physician leadership

Key Benefits of the CPE Credential



Highlights your business acumen to colleagues, current and future employers, and recruiters.



Indicates your ability to transition into diverse healthcare leadership roles.



Demonstrates your capacity to manage budgets and address HR challenges.



Validates your strategic business insights.

90.3%

of CPE holders agree the program empowered them to achieve leadership goals

70%

of CPE holders say the organizational changes they made were largely a result of knowledge and skills acquired from the CPE program

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Professional Opportunities

Explore the wide range of leadership roles our CPE credential has helped professionals achieve:

Chief Population Health Officer

Chief Medical Information Officer

VP, Medical Affairs

Residency Program Director

Cardiothoracic Surgeon

Chief Medical Officer



Capstone

3.5 Days | 32 CME Credits | June

The final step toward earning your CPE credential provides additional core competencies education, and helps you prepare for the CPE Leadership Summary Presentation.



“The CPE brings that credibility. It’s something that the CEOs, the COOs in hospitals or health systems understand. It’s made a huge difference in my life. The CPE credential tells everyone you are prepared.”

Michael A. Torres, MD, MBA, CPE, FAAPL



CPE Eligibility

Candidates must meet the following:



A licensed M.D. or D.O.



2+ years of experience in a healthcare leadership role



3 years' experience in a clinical practice



Board certified in a clinical specialty

Awarded by the Certifying Commission in Medical Management (CCMM)

ACCREDITATION: The American Association for Physician Leadership® is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The activities listed on the reverse side have been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.





Annual CPE Cohort 2027

Total CME: 187 | Program Investment: \$18,499

COURSE FORMATS: Asynchronous [A], Hybrid [H] and Live Virtual [LV]

Your 18-Month Journey to Leading with Impact

The Annual CPE Cohort is a structured, 18-month path to the Certified Physician Executive credential, from kickoff to Capstone. Along the way, you'll join **Virtual Huddles** led by current CPEs to work through real leadership challenges alongside your cohort, plus scheduled **Advisor Check-ins** to keep your progress on track. It's one fixed schedule, one price, and one group of physician colleagues moving through the same curriculum together.

GETTING STARTED

BEGINS IN JANUARY

Group Zoom Session Kick-off [LV]

CPI 260® [A], Pre-Technical Skills Assessment [A],
Pre-Competency Assessment [A], Online Community
Discussion Intro [A]

FOUNDATIONS

FEB – APRIL | 35 CME

Fundamentals of Physician Leadership Micro-Credential: The 5 Base Courses for your Program [A]



Virtual Huddle [LV]



Advisor Check-in [LV]

CORE

MAY – JUNE | 21 CME

Resolving Conflict [A]
Managing Physician Performance [A]



Virtual Huddle [LV]

JULY – AUG | 15 CME

Practical Principles of Change Management [A]
Science of High Reliability [A]



Virtual Huddle [LV]

SEPT – OCT | 12 CME

Essentials of Health Law [A]
Finance: Budgeting and Forecasting [A]



Virtual Huddle [LV]



Advisor Check-in [LV]

ELECTIVES

NOV – JAN | 30 CME

Select and complete your 30 Electives from a
list of 45+ Electives offered by AAPL [A]



Virtual Huddle [LV]



Advisor Check-in [LV]

HYBRIDS

FEB – APRIL | 42 CME

Transforming Healthcare Thru Quality Improvement [H]
Financial Skills for Executive Decision Making [H]
Building a Path to Leadership Excellence [H]



Virtual Huddle [LV]



Advisor Check-in [LV]

WRAP-UP

MAY

Program Action Plan [A]
Post-Technical Skills Assessment [A]
Post-Competency Assessment [A]

JUNE | 32 CME | 3.5 DAYS



Capstone [LV]

Capstone event for the cohort only
Celebrate your achievement at the AAPL Annual Leadership
Conference. Your registration is included*, with invitations to
Convocation and the Vanguard Meeting

**Travel and lodging not included.*



Visit physicianleaders.org/credentials/cpe/cohort
Or schedule an advising session **800-562-8088**

Leadership
is **Learned**