

**How is the CSCP credential different from the NRS designation? In comparison, how does the CSCP credential differ from the FINRA / Wharton credential?**

<b>Side-By-Side Comparison of Three Programs</b>			
	<b>NSCP CSCP Program</b>	<b>NRS IACCP Program</b>	<b>Wharton CRCP Program</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	Developed by NSCP, a non-profit membership organization	Developed by the Center for Compliance Professionals, a division of NRS	Developed by Wharton and FINRA
<b>Study Method</b>	Self-directed study; all materials located on <a href="http://www.cscp.org">www.cscp.org</a>	Instructor led program of face-to-face and online study	Face-to-face instruction
<b>Focus</b>	Investment Adviser and Broker-Dealer	Investment Adviser only	Broker-Dealer focus
<b>Education / Work Experience</b>	<p><b>Exam Criteria:</b> Bachelors degree <b>or</b> 2 years securities compliance experience.</p> <p><b>Credential Criteria:</b> Bachelors degree plus 3 years securities compliance experience <b>or</b> 5 years experience in securities compliance.</p>	<p><b>Education:</b> sequence of 8 courses <b>or</b> based on education, training or experience criteria, apply for waiver status. Complete Ethics course, assessment exercise, and courses not waived.</p> <p><b>Work Experience:</b> two years of full-time professional work experience.</p>	<p><b>Education:</b> The full program requires 20 days of classroom education plus extensive pre-reading and casework.</p>
<b>Exam / Assessment</b>	Pass the certifying examination.	Pass the certifying examination.	Assessment exercises are administered at the conclusion of each Certificate Program course. They must be taken and passed to earn credit toward the Program.
<b>Ethics and Professional Standards of Conduct</b>	Attest to and abide by the NSCP Code of Ethics and Professional Standards of Conduct.	Attest to and abide by the NRS Center for Compliance Professional's Code of Ethics and Professional Standards of Conduct.	No Published Standards.
<b>Continuing Education</b>	Complete twenty (20) professional continuing education units in a two-year reporting cycle.	Complete twelve (12) professional continuing education credits each year.	Complete twelve (12) hours of continuing education every three years as of the certificate anniversary award date.
<b>Estimated Completion Time</b>	Depending on experience; ranging from 5 months to 3 years	Approximately one year	One to three year period
<b>Cost</b>	<p>CSCP Program: \$695</p> <p>Maintain Credential: \$30 - \$50 administrative fee (per reporting cycle)</p>	<p>Ranging from \$1,100 - \$5,135</p> <p>Refer to the <b>Education</b> section above.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nrs-inc.com/education/ccp_schedule.asp">http://www.nrs-inc.com/education/ccp_schedule.asp</a></p>	<p>Ranging from \$19,900 - \$20,150</p> <p>Refer to Registration Policy at the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.finra.org/Industry/Education/UniversityPrograms/FINRAInstitute/index.htm">http://www.finra.org/Industry/Education/UniversityPrograms/FINRAInstitute/index.htm</a></p>