

## **Pointers to Pass CFP from Shehara's Experience**

The things that helped me pass were the following:

1. Dedicating the time to study. In the first month or so I studied 3-4 hrs a day then anywhere from 6-8 hrs a day for 6 weeks or so leading up to the exam.
2. Memorizing the material
3. Finding a great review program. I used the Dalton Education Guarantee to Pass Program. It was excellent
4. Practice the questions. I did every question that Dalton gave me. (At least 2500 questions)I went through each missed question until I got it right. (That took major hours.)
5. Accountability partner
6. Good support system. Everyone understood I couldn't do all the fun activities for a few months.
7. Eating the right foods
8. Prayer
9. Respecting the CFP Exam
10. Not having too big of life changes like getting married, moving, having a baby, new job, etc. You want to have a pretty stable life.
11. Listening to CFP review Lectures over and over again with different instructors. I found that hearing from a variety of instructors increased my retention and understanding. You need to ask the review program if they offer this. It's very important.
12. Get your sleep
13. Taking notes and doing my own notecards on the pre study books.
14. Creating an environment for minimizing stress. I used my essential oil mister and played calming piano worship music while studying.
15. I ate lots of brain food. Eating healthy throughout the process is key too.
16. I also studied in 3 hour increments to build my stamina. Sometimes I'd study in longer increments.

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I wish you the best on your journey to earning the CFP exam designation.