

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER PROGRAM
FLORIDA CENTER FOR PUBLIC MANAGEMENT
THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

CPM LEVEL 7 EXAM

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Procedures

Upon completion, submit this assignment through our website: www.fcpm.fsu.edu.

Click on the “Submit Assignments” tab, which will bring up a log-on screen. Enter your email address and password (the last four digits of your Social Security number), then click “Next Step.” This will take you to your Transcript. Click on “Submit Assignment” for the particular assignment or exam. If you are uploading a Group Assignment, enter the names and email addresses of group members in the drop down menu. Click “Browse” and locate the file on your hard drive (usually in “My Documents”), then click “Open.” Once the file is listed in the menu, click “Submit File.”

Your submission will be automatically entered into the database. It will show on your transcript as “Being Graded.” You will also receive an automated email notifying you that it has been added to your transcript.

Once your assignment is graded, and if it passes, your transcript will indicate that the assignment is “Completed.” If your submission does not pass, you will receive an email telling you to resubmit, and explaining what you need to do to pass. Your work will be graded within 60 days, although CPM instructors typically grade assignments sooner than that.

If you encounter problems submitting your homework, please contact Dan Vicker, the CPM Student Liaison, at dvicker@admin.fsu.edu or the CPM office at CPM@admin.fsu.edu . You can phone our main number at 850-644-6460, or SUNCOM 284-6460.

Submissions will not be returned, so you should keep a copy for future reference. Your work is considered confidential and the CPM Program will not share or discuss it with anyone, other than you.

This comprehensive examination is not a traditional examination. Instead it is a “double loop learning opportunity.” Unlike a traditional examination that asks you to regurgitate facts, a double loop learning opportunity assumes that you will learn by completing the exam. Through this opportunity you will demonstrate that you have integrated the material into your thinking and your work.

Here is what to do with this learning opportunity:

1. Keep the question with your materials as you take this Level.
 - Review the question as you go through this level.
 - Analyze your work as well as the class material in terms of the question.
 - Mentally rehearse how you would respond to this question. But don’t prepare complete responses too soon. You need to incorporate information from all modules into your thinking and your response.
2. While you are completing this Level, write your response.
 - Since you may take it home, you may choose when to respond to the question and whether to complete it at one session or to break it up into several sessions.
 - There is only ONE question.
 - Please type your response.

Think about your response to this question, then write your answer. This is a take home exam which will be graded on a Pass-Fail basis. Good luck!

Summary

Gather your materials	Use CPM notebooks, notes, books
Review your materials	Study
Read the question	Answer should reflect application of material
Think about your response	Organize your thoughts
Write your response.	4 to 6 pages for your response
Use your own experiences	Discussion with peers acceptable

1. Policies are statements of an organization's positions on issues and provide broad guidelines for behavior of organizational members.

Select an important policy issue in your agency about which you feel strongly. Develop a policy argument on the selected issue for presentation to top management.

In doing so, be sure to address all the elements of a good policy argument.

Note: If you develop a PowerPoint presentation, be sure to include your notes for the slides, not just the bulleted items.