

How to Prepare for CPSM Exams

Preparation Tips

1. Take the CPSM® Diagnostic Practice Exam practice test

Take the CPSM® Diagnostic Practice Exam practice test to find your weak areas. The Diagnostic Practice Exam comes in your choice of print or web version to meet your preferred learning style. Make sure you follow the directions to score your practice test(s) and match the results to the bibliographic references to find detailed explanations within the other study items.

2. Use your Score Report

Use your score report from the Diagnostic Practice Exam to develop a study plan to target areas you need to strengthen — areas in which you scored less than 75 percent. The score report references where to find the explanations in the CPSM® Study Guide, the ISM Professional Series and a few other resources. If you have the print version, make sure you follow the directions to score your practice test(s) and match the results to the answer justification and the bibliographic references listed under each justification. The bibliographic references tell you exactly where to find detailed explanations within the other study items.

3. Use the CPSM® Study Guide

Use the CPSM® Study Guide, an expanded outline of the exam content, to get familiar with the exam specifications, and get examples of the testing format and styles of questions. It briefly explains the content tested in the exams within the context of each task category.

4. Use the ISM Professional Series

The ISM Professional Series is where you want to go for more detailed explanations of the exam task areas that were weak in your score report. These three hardcover books are similar to graduate-level textbooks, with one volume for each of the three exams.

