

## 5 Certifications that will Advance your Career

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Are you looking to advance your career, but not sure which direction to take? Look no further than a management certification to add to your resume. With several management certifications to choose from, which one is best for you? These top five management certifications will help you take the next step to that big promotion.

### CM

**The Institute of Certified Professional Managers (ICPM) provides the Certified Manager (CM)** certification to benefit managers and leaders working in all industries. Deemed a "generalist certification," the CM denotes competency in all areas of the management profession. Upon attaining CM certification, you will possess proof of your qualification to manage and lead in the workplace.

### PMP

**The Project Management Professional (PMP)** is a specialized certification for managers

dedicated to project management. The PMP signifies that you speak and understand the global language of project management and connects you to a community of professionals, organizations, and experts worldwide. The Project Management Institute provides the PMP as well as several other project management certifications.

## SHRM-CP

**The Society for Human Resource Management-Certified Professional (SHRM-CP)** is a specialized certification for managers specializing in human resource management. Earning your SHRM-CP or SHRM-SCP credential makes you a recognized expert and leader in the HR field—and a valuable asset to your organization, keeping you and your organization more competitive in today's economy. If you're in the HR field looking to advance This professional distinction sets you apart from your colleagues, proving your high level of knowledge and skills.

## CMA

**The Certified Management Accountant (CMA)** is a specialized certification for managers working in the accounting and finance professions provided by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). If you're looking to advance into roles such as staff accountant, senior accountant, or chief executive officer this certification might be right for you.

## CompTIA A+

**The CompTIA A+ certification** is a specialized certification for those looking to break into an IT career path. It validates understanding of the most common hardware and software technologies in business and certifies the skills necessary to support complex IT infrastructures. As businesses and governments worldwide continue to adopt mobile and cloud technology, they trust A+ certified professionals to keep their devices running and organizations working smoothly.

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