

TexPool Academy

An Online Training Program for TexPool Participants



TexPool Academy Is Available Now – Don't Wait to Get Started!

*Just follow these easy
steps to get set up:*

Step 1:

Log on to www.texpool.com

Step 2:

Click the Resources tab, then
"Welcome to TexPool Academy"

Step 3:

Click on the "TexPool
Academy Log-On Request
Form" PDF link

Step 4:

Once you have your
username and password,
click the "TexPool Academy
Online" link under
Academy Resources

Step 5:

Type in your User ID
and Password and click
"Login to Skillport"

What is TexPool Academy?

Because TexPool places education to participants among its highest priorities, Federated Hermes, the investment advisor and service provider for TexPool, is pleased to offer TexPool Academy to all pool participants. TexPool Academy is designed to support the educational needs of participants via a user-friendly, online training program structured specifically for busy professionals. The courses are designed to educate participants about different aspects of the financial markets through a robust curriculum comprised of online training courses and exams.

TexPool Academy is designed to provide Investment Officer training in accordance with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. We are registered with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy as a CPE sponsor. This registration does not constitute an endorsement by the board as to the quality of our CPE program. This program meets the Texas Association of School Business Officials continuing education requirements.

TexPool Academy offers the following benefits to participants:

- **24/7 Availability**—Take these courses at your convenience, day or night.
- **Extensive Curriculum**—Offers an array of topics associated with all areas of the financial markets.
- **Convenient Online Access**—Complete the courses from home or work, eliminating the travel time often associated with training classes.
- **Testing and Reporting**—Measure your knowledge by taking a test at the end of each course. Generate completion reports for your continuing education audit file.
- **Credit Options**—These courses meet the requirement for CE credit under the **Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA)**, CPE credit under the **Texas State Board of Public Accountancy** and CEU credit under the **Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO)**.
- **Customer Support**—Access technical support from the Skillsoft home page at any time.



Online Course Descriptions

New Courses

Putting the inflation genie into its lamp

1 hour, 3 minutes, 1.2 CPE Credits

This course is a recorded webcast conducted on April 13th, 2023, and moderated by Linda Duessel, Senior Vice President, Senior Equity Strategist, Federated Hermes. The presenters, Phil Orlando and R.J. Gallo, analyze and discuss inflation issues and their impact on the economy and the markets.

Phishing and Cybersecurity Awareness

1 hour, 20 minutes, 1.6 CPE Credits

This course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of cybersecurity awareness issues and to equip you with the knowledge of the fundamentals of cybersecurity. At the end of this course, you will learn best practices on how to protect yourself and your organization from security threats and what to do if a security breach occurs.



General Courses

Getting Income from Equities

1 hour, 1.2 CPE credits

This course is designed to explore the options of seeking income from equity investments. The course discusses historic and current market trends supporting the benefits of seeking a monthly income stream from an equity investment.

Behavioral Finance

1 hour, 1.2 CPE credits

This course explores some of the most important behavioral finance biases and concepts with a focus on how these factors impacted investing during the Covid-19 crisis, with market insight provided by Linda Duessel.

Anatomy of a Recession

50 minutes, 1 CPE credit

This course examines the recession of 2007 in the context of the ten previous post-WWII U.S. recessions. It defines what a recession is and evaluates the roles that consumers, business, and government play in the peaks and troughs of the economy. It also identifies and elaborates on contributing factors that lead us into and out of recessions.

Ask the Investment Professional: Calculating Risk-Adjusted Performance

1 hour, 10 minutes, 1.4 CPE credits

This course includes a discussion of seven types of ratios that calculate risk-adjusted investment performance. Don Ellenberger, Senior Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager at Federated Hermes, addresses how portfolio managers may choose to use one or more of these ratios to evaluate performance of their portfolios and compare them to the performance of benchmarks or other portfolios.

Mutual Fund Concept

1 hour, 1.2 CPE credits

This course provides basic information about mutual funds. Participants will be able to understand the characteristics of these funds, know and appreciate their benefits, explain the issue of forward pricing, recognize the regulations that govern the mutual fund industry and identify the types of mutual funds by investment objectives.

The Regulators

1 hour, 30 minutes, 1.8 CPE credits

This course provides an overview of some of the most well-known regulatory agencies of the federal government and the agencies that have the most influence on the financial services industry. It focuses on just eight of those regulatory agencies in the order in which they were established. Each segment provides details about the history, structure, and functions of these groups and any recent events of importance involving them.



The General Securities Series

The courses in this series take a close look at each investment security sector. Together they provide a clear picture of the underlying securities that may be a part of an individual or institutional investment portfolio.

The Corporate Bond Sector

50 minutes, 1 CPE credit

This course is designed to answer these basic questions about the corporate bond sector: What are corporate bonds? Who issues them and why? What characteristics are common to corporate bonds? How are corporate bonds priced and purchased? What is the relationship between price and yield? What are the risks and rewards of investing in corporate bonds?

The Equity Sector

1 hour, 15 minutes, 1.5 CPE credits

This course is designed to answer basic questions about the equity sector: What is an equity security? Who issues equities and why? What characteristics are common to equity securities? How are they priced and purchased? What are the risks and rewards of investing in an equity security?

The Government Bond Sector

1 hour, 20 minutes, 1.6 CPE credits

This course is designed to answer basic questions about the government bond sector: What are Treasury and government securities? Who issues them and why? What characteristics are common to Treasury securities? What characteristics are common to other government securities? How are government bonds priced and purchased? What is the relationship between price and yield? What are the risks and rewards of investing in a Treasury or government security?

Money Market Instruments

1 hour, 1.2 CPE credits

This course explains the money market and its key characteristics. It describes various money market instruments, many of which are used in the local government investment pools, and money market funds available to you. The course defines a money market fund and its restrictions, identifies the various uses of money market instruments for both non-money market funds and investors, and analyzes the risks and rewards of investing in money market securities.

The Municipal Bond Sector

50 minutes, 1 CPE credit

This course is designed to answer these basic questions about the municipal bond sector: What is a municipal security? Who issues it and why? What characteristics are common to municipal securities? How are they priced and purchased? What is the relationship between price and yield? What are the risks and rewards of investing in a municipal security?



How the Federal Reserve Impacts the Market

Part I

1 hour, 1.2 CPE credits

Part One of a four-part online series focusing on how the Federal Reserve impacts the markets. Part One reviews who the Federal Reserve is and the actions they took to control the speed and health of the U.S. economy in times of financial crisis.

Part II

1 hour, 1.2 CPE credits

Part Two of a four-part online series focusing on how the Federal Reserve impacts the markets. Part Two examines how the Federal Reserve is structured. It also reviews monetary policy and how it is implemented.

Part III

1 hour, 1.2 CPE credits

This course is Part Three of a four-part online series focusing on how the Federal Reserve impacts the markets. Part Three looks at the economic data that influences the Fed's decisions.

Part IV

1 hour, 10 minutes, 1.4 CPE credits

This course is Part Four of a four-part online series focusing on how the Federal Reserve impacts the markets. Part Four outlines two schools of thought on government intervention into the markets, as well as the perceived benefits and drawbacks of Federal Reserve actions that influence the markets.

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