



BACP Entrepreneur Certificate

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) Entrepreneur Certificate Program is a free program where anyone interested in starting and/or growing a business in Chicago can gain the necessary knowledge needed across various essential topics.

All Program graduates, based in Chicagoland, are eligible to apply for the Entrepreneur Loan Program with BACP’s partner, CIBC Bank USA.

Program Enrollment: As Easy As 1 – 2 – 3



REGISTER

Enroll in the program by signing up at the BACP Entrepreneur Certificate Program Portal. Using the portal is convenient as it tracks your progress and automatically credits you for webinars attended.



ATTEND

Visit Chicago.gov/BACPWebinars to view and register for upcoming webinars. Attend 6 webinars from below categories within 6 months:

- City Inspections (monthly)
- Business Operations & Licensing
- Finance
- Legal
- Marketing
- Technology



GRADUATE

Graduate from the program after attending 6 webinars from required categories. Within a week of attending the final webinar, your certificate will be made available on the Portal.

For program details, visit Chicago.gov/BACPCertificate, email BACPoutreach@cityofchicago.org or call 312-744-2086.

Disclaimers:

- Webinars attended prior to signing-up to the program will not qualify towards the program.
- The program and webinars are not affiliated with any educational institution.
- This program does not make your business certified with the City of Chicago.
- All financing decisions are made by CIBC Bank USA.



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