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## **IREM unveils new credential Accredited Commercial Manager**

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If you are a property manager of commercial real estate, consider adding value to your professional career.

If you are an employer in a real estate management company consider the benefits to you of increased productivity, enhanced knowledge and skills, and greater contributions to your bottom line.

This certification is designed for managers of small- to-mid-size commercial properties and requires that applicants manage a commercial portfolio of at least 20,000 s/f and have a minimum of 12 months of commercial real estate management experience. This is an excellent opportunity for property managers of commercial properties to enhance their knowledge, skills and professional credentials.

The Accredited Commercial Manager (ACoM) certification will help you to build upon your experiences and connect with a resource of tools and other property managers and grow as a professional property manager.

As all property manager's know, the challenges in today's job marketâ€”from industry consolidation and increased competition to being expected to do more with lessâ€”make it harder to prove experience and credibility. Achieving the IREM's Accredited Commercial Manager (ACoM) certification will give you that increased market visibility and credibility you will need with owners, investors, and employers to set you apart from the competition.

Employers value those who choose to develop their skills and who keep in touch with new solutions and technologies in the industry. The experience and knowledge you demonstrate to earn the ACoM certification assures employers that you possess the specialized skills they seek in commercial managers. Earning the ACoM certification will help you advance in your real estate management career regardless of your current level.

Achieving the ACoM certification is a process that connects you to some of the finest instructors in the field of property management, finance and marketing; providing knowledge essential to the practice of real estate managementâ€”covering the core competencies for maximum performance of investment real estate. IREM offers choices that fit you because your lifestyle and learning preferences are unique. Keep learning whether you're sitting at home, working at your desk, commuting, or traveling. Choose what works for you whether it is in a classroom, online with an instructor, or online self paced. You can take a course in the manner that best suits your needs-where you want it, how you want it, when you want it. Learn within timeframes under your control...in the classroom, in four-week, instructor-led online offerings, or self-paced with interchangeable modes of e-reader and online and mobile supplements.

For more information about the benefits of ACoM membership, visit [irem.org](http://irem.org) and link to the Member Benefits page. You can also contact the R.I. IREM Chapter at [www.iremri.org](http://www.iremri.org) or call 401-423-1780.

## Student Membership

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For a wealth of information about starting your career in real estate management, visit [www.GetRealGetReady.org](http://www.GetRealGetReady.org).

Joining a professional association signals your commitment and dedication to your future employer. According to a recent national poll, 86% of hiring managers surveyed cited involvement in trade or industry associations as beneficial to an employee's career. Affiliate yourself with the proven leader in real estate management and get your career off the ground quickly and easily.

A minimal investment in your future will get you maximum returns.

For just \$40 per academic year (or \$60 for international students) you get:

- \* All member services on IREMFIRST, our primary industry resource and information website
- IREMJobs.org, our dynamic online career and employment website, where you can search for jobs, post your resume, and more
- \* Networking and visibility - meet your future employer and come together with your peers through social events and professional development opportunities, access to a local IREM Chapter and your listing as a student member on our online directory at [www.irem.org](http://www.irem.org)
- \* Member discounts on a wide range of products and services, including books, courses, conferences, and seminars
- \* A subscription to our indispensable bi-monthly publication, JPM, Journal of Property Management, covering the latest trends and reports in real estate management
- \* Vendors, suppliers and service providers to the real estate management industry are not eligible for Student membership.

Did you know that earning the ACoM certification is a great stepping stone toward the Certified Property Manager (CPM) designation? If you are a commercial site manager and your portfolio has not yet reached the minimum size for the CPM designation, you can gain training, skills, and industry knowledge with the ACoM certification while working towards the CPM. The intermediate courses necessary for the ACoM also count toward the CPM education requirement. Richard Hitt, CPM, is a senior property manager with Phoenix Property Management Inc., Warwick and is the president of IREM-Greater R.I. Chapter No. 88, Providence.

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