The Certified Internal Auditor (CIA®)

The Certified Internal Auditor (CIA®) designation is a globally accepted certification designation for internal auditors and remains the standard by which individuals demonstrate their competency and professionalism in the internal auditing field.

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- Part II: Conducting the Internal Audit Engagement
- Part III: Business Analysis and Information Technology
- Part IV: Business Management Skills

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