Implementing SAFe® 5.1 with SPC Certification

Achieving business agility with the Scaled Agile Framework
with SAFe® 5 Program Consultant (SPC) Certification

Learn how to lead a Lean-Agile Transformation using the practices and principles of SAFe and the seven core competencies of the Lean Enterprise that enable business agility.

In this four-day course, you will practice how to coach programs, launch Agile Release Trains (ARTs), create a DevOps culture to build a Continuous Delivery Pipeline, and empower a Lean portfolio. Leading SAFe®, taught during the first two days, gives you the foundation to teach SAFe to leaders. The next two days focus exclusively on what it takes to successfully implement SAFe in your organization. By becoming a change agent and a Certified SAFe® 5 Program Consultant (SPC), you will gain the knowledge and skills to implement a Lean-Agile SAFe transformation—and guide the enterprise toward success in disruptive, fast-moving markets.

Who will benefit?

Attendees typically include:

- Professional Services Consultants
- Internal Change Agents, Lean-Agile Center for Excellence (LACE) participants, Agile Working Groups
- Business and Technology Executives, Leaders, Managers, and Directors
- Portfolio Managers and Fiduciaries, Project/Program Management Office (PMO) personnel
- Development, QA and IT Managers
- Program and Project Managers
- Product and Product Line Managers
- Process Leads and Lifecycle Governance Personnel
- Enterprise, System, and Solution Architects

What You'll Learn

To perform the role of a SAFe® Program Consultant (SPC), attendees should be able to:

- Lead a Lean-Agile Enterprise transformation
- Implement SAFe
- Implement Lean Portfolio Management
- Perform Value Stream identification
- Launch and coach Agile Release Trains
- Coordinate multiple Agile Release Trains with a Solution Train
- Use the seven core competencies to achieve business agility
- Train managers and executives in Leading SAFe®
- Continue your learning journey and become enabled to train other roles in a SAFe enterprise

Topics Covered

Leading SAFe – Days 1 and 2

- Thriving in the digital age with business agility
- Becoming a Lean-Agile Leader
- Establishing Team and Technical Agility
- Building Solutions with Agile Product Delivery
- Exploring Lean Portfolio Management
- Leading the change
- Becoming a Certified SAFe® Agilist

Implementing SAFe – Days 3 and 4

- Reaching the tipping point
- Designing the implementation
- Launching an Agile Release Train
- Coaching ART Execution
- Extending to the Portfolio
- Accelerating to business agility
- Becoming a SAFe Program Consultant (SPC)

What Attendees Get

The class registration includes:

- Attendee workbook
- Preparation and eligibility to take the SAFe® 5 Program Consultant (SPC) exam
- One-year membership to the SAFe Community Platform
- Course certificate of completion

Attendees must attend all four days of the course to qualify for the exam.

Prerequisites

All stakeholders in a Lean-Agile transformation are welcome to attend the course, regardless of experience. However, the following prerequisites are highly recommended for those who intend to take the SAFe Program Consultant exam and practice as a Certified SAFe® 5 Program Consultant (SPC):

- 5+ years of experience in software development, testing, business analysis, product, or project management
- 3+ years of experience in Agile
- One or more relevant Agile certifications

SAFe Certification Kit

Attendees who pass the exam will receive:

- SAFe Program Consultant (SPC) certificate
- A SAFe 5 Program Consultant digital badge to promote your accomplishment online
- A one-year certified membership as a SAFe Program Consultant, which includes access to the SPC Community of Practice
- A SAFe Program Consultant certification usage guide with SPC certification
- Access to online Trainer Enablement plans to qualify to teach and certify others in various SAFe courses.

- Access to a variety of learning resources to support certified professionals during and throughout their SAFe journey

Annual Renewal

- Certificates expire one year from the date the certification is earned.
- Renewal fee is $895

Exam Details

- Exam name – SAFe 5 Program Consultant Exam.
- Exam format – Multiple choice.
- Exam delivery – Web-based (single-browser), closed book, no outside assistance, timed.
- Exam access – Candidates can access the exam within the SAFe Community Platform upon completion of the Implementing SAFe course.
- Exam duration – Once the exam begins, candidates have 120 minutes (2 hours) to complete the exam.
- Number of questions – 60.
- Passing score – 45 out of 60 (75% pass rate).
- Language – English.
- Exam cost – First exam attempt is included as part of the course registration fee if the exam is taken within 30 days of course completion. Each retake attempt costs $250.
- Retake policy – Second attempt on exam (first retake) can be done immediately after first attempt. Third attempt requires a 10-day wait. Fourth attempt requires a 30-day wait. Contact support@scaledagile.com for any retake questions.

Professional Development Units (PDUs) and Scrum Education Units (SEUs)

- Attendees may be eligible to apply for PDUs toward their continuing education requirements with the Project Management Institute (PMI) for PMP, PgMP, and PMI-ACP certifications. Please refer to this page for more details: https://support.scaledagile.com/s/article/How-do-I-claim-my-PMI-PDUs
- You may be eligible to apply for SEUs under Category C, toward earning or renewing your CSP through Scrum Alliance

Eligibility to train others in SAFe

As a SAFe® 5 Program Consultant (SPC), you can continue the learning journey by achieving validation to license and teach SAFe courses.

- For additional information visit https://www.scaledagile.com/ becoming-an-spc/