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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CPA PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

There’s a world of opportunity waiting. Gain the skills and expertise required to become a CPA, your entry to the highest levels of business.

The program is offered part-time, so working professionals can continue a full-time career while preparing for the CPA designation. The Graduate Certificate in CPA prepares you to sharpen your technical skills and expand your accounting competencies.

PREPARE FOR SUCCESS
→ Receive one-on-one coaching from a team of experienced CPAs
→ Train with Common Final Exam-style cases, CPA Securexam software, and hands-on simulations
→ Choose from electives in taxation, assurance, performance management, and finance
→ Acquire the knowledge needed to work as an accountant in private industry, public practice, and government

With the Graduate Certificate in CPA Professional Education, you’ll be ready to challenge the Common Final Exam and obtain the CPA designation — your gateway to a rewarding career with unlimited potential.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
This accredited professional accounting program provides a pathway to completion of the Professional Education Program (PEP) of Chartered Professional Accounting (CPA) Quebec. Upon completion, you will be ready take the CFE (Common Final Exam), the three-day CPA professional examination. Both the PEP and the CFE are required for obtaining the CPA designation and to practice as an accountant.

COURSES
CCPA 601 CPA Foundations I (6 credits)
This course examines the application of technically complex financial accounting and reporting issues. It will also explore corporate governance, strategy and management accounting, with an emphasis on their integration. The course will foster integration between financial accounting and related audit notions in a case-based setting, while focusing on different roles a CPA may play in an organization, both internal and external.

CCPA 602 CPA Foundations II (6 credits)
Pre-requisite: CCPA 601 - CPA Foundations I.
This course develops upon the financial accounting and reporting, management accounting, and audit concepts explored in CCPA 601. Tax will be integrated into case scenarios to simulate the complete set of decision variables faced by a CPA. The course will explore how to perform cash flow projections and business valuations. Emphasis will be placed on using these analyses to provide advice to management.

CCPA 631 Case-Writing and Communication for CPAs (3 credits)
Pre-requisites: CCPA 601, CCPA 602 and two of CCPA 621, CCPA 622, CCPA 623 and CCPA 624.
This course focuses on developing a structured case writing approach and effective presentation skills. Students will practice case-writing which will be professionally graded and debriefed in class. Students will also learn techniques on how to prepare and deliver board-level presentations.

CCPA 641 Capstone 1 Seminar (3 credits)
Co-requisite: CCPA 642.
This course will provide an introduction to comprehensive case analysis. Teamwork will be used as a means to integrate the enabling competencies and the six technical competency areas required of a CPA to develop a presentation and report aimed at a Board of Directors. Emphasis will be placed on developing case responses using the CPA Way.

CCPA 642 Capstone 2 Examination Preparation (0 credits)
Co-requisite: CCPA 647.
This course will explore communication using the case method. Emphasis will be placed on case writing best practices, mastery of technical material and application of enabling competencies acquired during the program.

AND
2. Have completed the following 13 mandatory prerequisite courses as part of the BCom degree, Certificate in Accounting, or Diploma in Accounting from a credit program at an accredited Canadian university. These technical competency courses must have been completed within the last 10 years with a grade of B- or higher.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
1. Hold a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) with a major or honours in accounting from a recognized Canadian university with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.* APPLY BY JUNE 1, 2017.

*Program pending university approval

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