Advance Your Career

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 on a part-time basis during evenings and weekends, so that 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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Students must complete two of the following four courses. Students must complete CCPA 621 and CCPA 623 in order to obtain the CPA auditor designation.

CCPA 621 Taxation (3 credits)
Pre-requisites: CCPA 601 and CCPA 602.
This course will focus on providing tax planning and compliance advice for Canadian corporations, trusts, individuals and partnerships. This course will integrate tax planning with financial reporting, governance, and finance issues.

CCPA 622 Performance Management (3 credits)
Pre-requisites: CCPA 601 and CCPA 602.
This course will explore how to articulate an effective business strategy and policies for corporate governance. The course will also explore how to manage and mitigate risk while assessing overall business performance.

CCPA 623 Assurance (3 credits)
Pre-requisites: CCPA 601 and CCPA 602.
This course will focus on the different elements of an audit plan and how to tailor that plan to different business settings (private companies, public enterprises and NPOs). The course will also explore how to develop procedures, evaluate the effectiveness of internal controls and conclude on audit results.

CCPA 624 Finance for CPAs (3 credits)
Pre-requisites: CCPA 601 and CCPA 602.
This course will examine how to evaluate and recommend investment and financing projects. Advanced topics in corporate finance will be explored, with a focus on decision-making. This course will stress the integration of finance-related decisions with strategy and governance.

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.
OR
Hold an undergraduate degree in any discipline from any accredited university along with a Certificate in Accounting or a Diploma in Accounting from McGill University’s School of Continuing Studies, or an equivalent credit program from a recognized Canadian university. Both the undergraduate degree and the Certificate in Accounting, Diploma in Accounting, or equivalent credit programs must be completed with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

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.

Undergraduate Courses
ACCT 351 – Intermediate Financial Accounting 1
ACCT 352 – Intermediate Financial Accounting 2
ACCT 361 – Management Accounting
ACCT 362 – Cost Accounting
ACCT 385 – Principles of Taxation
ACCT 453 – Advanced Financial Accounting
ACCT 463 – Management Control
ACCT 475 – Principles of Auditing
ACCT 486 – Business Taxation 2
FINE 342 – Corporate Finance
MGCR 211 – Introduction to Financial Accounting
MGCR 341 – Introduction to Finance
MGCR 423 – Strategic Management

OR
Graduate Courses
CACC 521 – Concepts of Financial Accounting
CCAU 501 – Auditing 1
CCFC 511 – Financial Accounting 1
CCFC 512 – Financial Accounting 2
CCFC 513 – Financial Accounting 3
CCMA 511 – Managerial Accounting
CCMA 522 – Managerial Accounting 2
CCMA 523 – Managerial Accounting 3
CCTX 511 – Taxation 1
CCTX 532 – Taxation 2
CFIN 512 – Corporate Finance
CFIN 522 – Applied Topics: Corporate Finance
CPL 552 – Strategic Management

AND
3. Have completed the following 5 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 non-technical competency courses must have been completed within the last 10 years with a grade of B- or higher.

Undergraduate Courses
CMS 250 – Mathematics for Management
MGCR 273 – Introductory Management Statistics
MGCR 293 – Managerial Economics
MGCR 331 – Information Systems

OR
Graduate Courses
MGCR 341 – Information Systems for Managers
CMS 500 – Mathematics for Management
CMS 521 – Applied Management Statistics

AND
4. Students must also provide a C.V. and two letters of reference.