GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING

DESAUTELS FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

Why McGill? Introduction to our Program

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Introductions - Contacts

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Desautels GCPA's Objective:

- The goal of the GCPA is to provide you with the necessary tools **to become a CPA**
  - ✓ Provides professional training on the latest CPA concepts and practice-related issues
  - ✓ Focus on CFE case writing techniques and integration of knowledge to the various scenarios
  - ✓ Develops & integrates CPA Technical & Enabling Skills throughout the program

Program Structure (full time)

SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SUMMER	
CORE COURSES 12 credits	COMPLEMENTARY COURSES 8 credits	No Courses	INTEGRATIVE COURSE 4 credits	Final Exam
COMMON MODULES	ELECTIVE MODULES			
CORE1 Issues in Professional Accounting 1 ACCT 653 Issues in Profesional Accounting 2 ACCT 654	**CORE 2** Strategic Aspects of Accounting 1 ACCT 663 Strategic Aspects of Accounting 2 ACCT 664	Practice of Taxation ACCT 683 Assurance Services ACCT 687	**CAPSTONE MODULE 1** Integrative Analysis ACCT 695 **CAPSTONE MODULE 2** Exam Preparation ACCT 699 (extra fees apply)	Students write the Common Final Examination in September
Requires full-time attendance during the days and some evenings	Classes are two evenings a week. Students are available to work in designated training offices.	Students are available to work in designated training offices	Requires full-time attendance during the day and some evenings	

Program Schedule

- The program begins around May 1st - duration of 16 months
- **The two summers are full time:**
  - You won't have time to work either summer
  - 1st summer ends around July 20 in 2021
- **Fall** classes 2 nights/week
- **Winter** term - no classes

Desautels GCPA Advantages

- **Integrated approach** to learning across the technical competencies right from the start!
- **Development of enabling competencies & presentation skills** throughout the program
- **Base Camp** to develop key skills and maximize learning in the program
  - ✓ Small class/program size
  - ✓ Highest quality instructors
  - ✓ History of success (National Honour Roll)

Our Classes

- Class size is limited to ~55 students
- **Intimate** class sizes ensure
  - ✓ Better **relationships** with the instructor
  - ✓ Facilitates class **participation**
  - ✓ Better tracking of the students' progress
  - ✓ More opportunities for **individual** / **tailored** debriefs and feedback

Our Instructors

- Highly **motivated** and **dedicated** to the students
  - Use a combination of full time academics & part-time instructors who are working CPAs

- All selected because of their work experience, knowledge of specific accounting topics and superior ability to solve CFE type cases

Base Camp

- Optional Base Camp in the 1st summer & fall ($250)
  - ✓ A full day Case Skills Seminar & and a full day Presentation Skills Seminar
  - ✓ Three individual coaching sessions over the course of the summer & fall terms
  - ✓ Helps students make the transition to Case Based Learning
  - ✓ Strongly recommended!
  - ✓ Scholarships available to the top applicants to cover the cost

Capstone 1 (Integrative course)

- Includes a group project & presentation
- All students across Canada get the same large comprehensive case at the same time.
- Get 8 weeks to do a strategic analysis and prepare a presentation to be delivered to a "board" of the company.
- Purpose: to develop professional & team skills and to integrate all competencies (see CPA Competency slide).
- **At McGill we start doing comprehensive cases & group presentations in the 1st courses. Develop & integrate enabling skills from the start!**

GCPA Program – Costs

- **Average $2,061.96 regular tuition fees** for Quebec residents (24 credit program; $84.40/credit – S20; $87.43/credit – F20 term, plus S21).

  Per credit fees changes every semester. Other fees & charges do apply.

- **$250* Base Camp** offered at start of the program to help you bridge the gap from undergraduate to CPA style learning
- **$2,000* CFE Prep course** in final summer (*subject to change)
- ***$615.12 Registration with the Order. CPP annual dues $431.16.***
- ***$1161.25 Examination software & educational material access fee***
- ***$1,810.86 CFE Registration***
- **** All fees are subject to change without notice***
- ***Some of the fees may be reimbursed by your employer***

CFE Prep Seminar ($) (Capstone 2)

- Program in the 2nd summer leading to the exam in September
- Focuses on case writing techniques and integration of knowledge acquired through the program
- Weekly one-on-one debriefs with graders (recent writers) and group debriefs with other students
- **Three-day Mock CFE in July**
- **Passing grade for the seminar**

Past CFE & UFE Success

- 2019 CFE- 3 Honour Roll students
- 2018 CFE – Gold Medalist in Quebec
  – 2 Canadian Honour Roll students
- 2017 CFE – Gold Medalist in Quebec (shared)
- 2016 CFE – 1 Honour Roll student
- 2015 CFE – 3 Honour Roll students
- 2013 UFE – 2 Honour Roll students
- 2011 UFE – 3 Honour Roll students
- 2010 UFE – Gold Medalist in Quebec

- McGill is devoted to ensuring the success of ***ALL*** **of their students at the CFE.**

Other useful skills

- All exams in the GCPA program are written on PC-based computers
  - ✓ How well can you type? Are you comfortable using Word and Excel?
- All exams are *extremely* time constrained
  - ✓ How efficiently can you read, comprehend & write in English? (now is not the time to be switching languages for studying)
- What electives are you taking?
  - ✓ Will they compliment your CPA knowledge?