**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**Academic Record**
Candidates who hold a Bachelor of Commerce degree, major/honours in accounting from a recognized Canadian university may be considered for direct admission into the Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting program (GCPA). Entry into the GCPA program requires a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Note that meeting the minimum CGPA does not necessarily guarantee entry into the GCPA Program.

**Application Deadlines**
- Canadian Students: February 1
- International Students: December 15

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**Mandatory Courses**
Applicants who complete the BCom program must complete the following courses, or their equivalents, with minimum grades of B-.

- ACCT 351 Intermediate Financial Acct 1
- ACCT 352 Intermediate Financial Acct 2
- ACCT 361 Intermediate Mgmt Accounting 1
- 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
- BUSA 364 Business Law 1
- FINE 342 Corporate Finance

Students holding a different degree or a foreign degree can complete equivalent prerequisite courses, through the Diploma in Accounting offered by the School of Continuing Studies, [www.mcgill.ca/conted/programs/grad/accountingtaxation/](http://www.mcgill.ca/conted/programs/grad/accountingtaxation/).

**NOTE**: Students from universities other than McGill must also meet the requirements outlined by the Ordre of CPA of Quebec for the university where they obtained their undergraduate degree.

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**PROGRAM STRUCTURE: Full time program - Desautels Faculty of Management**

The program consists of 7 courses and is offered over a period of 16 months starting in the summer semester. The program structure is presented in the table below:

**Desautels Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting (GCPA) - 16 months**

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**Elective Modules**

- Practice of Taxation - ACCT 683
- Accounting & Performance Mngt - ACCT 685
- Assurance Services - ACCT 687
- Financial Business Analysis - ACCT 689

Public Accounting candidates MUST choose:
- Practice of Taxation
- Assurance Services

Students are available to work in designated training offices during the fall and winter terms.
McGill currently only offers the Public Accounting electives.
The Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting (GCPA Program) at McGill, an accredited Professional Education Program of CPA Canada, prepares students to write the National CPA Common Final Exams (CFE). Students can choose from two versions of the program at McGill – a full time program in the Desautels Faculty of Management or a part-time program in the School of Continuing Studies. For more information on the part-time program please contact the School of Continuing Studies directly at (514) 398-6200 or info.conted@mcgill.ca. Students can also prepare for the CFE exams by following the National CPA program which will be offered on-line through CPA Canada. More information about the CPA designation or the National certification program can be found at www.cpapro.ca/become-a-cpa.

The GCPA program is intended to allow students to develop professional skills that will be recognized nationally and internationally. The program focuses on the acquisition and integration of in-depth specialized knowledge in fields in which engagements are likely to be entrusted to CPAs. More specifically, the objective of the Graduate Certificate is to develop the technical and enabling skills outlined by CPA Canada and needed for the exercise of professional judgment necessary to solve practical problems related to the practice of professional accounting.


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