ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Record
Entry into the Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting program (GCPA) 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.

Students without a Canadian BCom (major in accounting), or equivalent, must complete the Diploma in Accounting at the School of Continuing Studies and any additional courses as necessary to satisfy the following required 14 prerequisite courses, with minimum grades of B-, to be considered for admission into the GCPA program.

Mandatory Courses
CCLW 511 Law 1  CFIN 512 Corporate Finance
CCFC 511 Fin Accounting 1  CCTX 511 Taxation 1
CCFC 512 Fin Accounting 2  CCTX 532 Taxation 2
CCFC 513 Fin Accounting 3  CCAU 511 Auditing 1
CFIN 522 Applied Topics: Corporate Finance
CCMA 511 Managerial Accounting 1
CCMA 522 Managerial Accounting 2
CCMA 523 Managerial Accounting 3
CMIS 541 Info Systems for Managers
CPL2 552 Strategic Management

Applicants who hold a Bachelor of Commerce degree, major/honours in accounting from a recognized Canadian university must have completed the following 11 prerequisite courses, or their equivalents, with minimum grades of B-.

ACCT 351 Intermediate Financial Accounting 1  ACCT 463 Management Control
ACCT 352 Intermediate Financial Accounting 2  ACCT 475 Principles of Auditing
ACCT 361 Management Accounting  ACCT 486 Business Taxation 2
ACCT 362 Cost Accounting  BUSA 364 Business Law 1
ACCT 385 Principles of Taxation  Fine 342 Finance 2 (Corporate Finance in Winter'15)
ACCT 453 Advanced Financial Accounting

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/.

NOTE: Students who do not hold a B Com from McGill must also meet the requirements outlined by the Ordre of CPA of Quebec for the university where they obtained their undergraduate degree.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE: Part time program – School of Continuing Studies

The program consists of 7 courses and is offered over a period of 2 years starting in the fall semester. The program structure is presented in the table below:

| School of Continuing Studies Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting |
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| **Entrance Requirements** | Core | Complementary | Integrative | Final Exam |
| **FALL** | **WINTER** | **FALL** | **WINTER** | **SEPTEMBER** |
| | 12 credits | 8 credits | 4 credits | |
| Undergraduate degree | Core 1 | Core 2 | Elective Modules | Capstone Module 1 |
| • Minimum CGPA 3.0/4.0 | Issues in Professional Accounting 1 | Issues in Professional Accounting 2 | Students choose 2 of the following: | Integrative Analysis (4 credits) |
| • Minimum B- in all prerequisite courses | Strategic Aspects of Accounting 1 | Strategic Aspects of Accounting 2 | • Practice of Taxation | |
| Note: Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. | | | • Accounting & Performance Management | |
| | | | • Assurance Services | |
| | | | • Financial Business Analysis | |
| | | | Public Accounting candidates MUST choose | |
| | | | • Practice of Taxation | |
| | | | • Assurance Services | |
| | | | Capstone Module 2 | |
| | | | Exam Preparation (0 credit course, extra fees apply) | |

Note: 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 part-time program offered by the School of Continuing Studies or a full-time program offered by the Desautels Faculty of Management. For more information on the full-time program please contact the Desautels Faculty of Management directly at (514) 398-4130 or gcpa.mgmt@mcgill.ca. Students can also prepare for the CFE exams by following the National CPA program which will be offered online through CPA Canada. More information about the CPA designation or the National certification program can be found at www.cpapro.ca/become-a-cca.

The program is intended to allow students to develop professional competencies that will be recognized nationally and internationally. It focuses on the acquisition and integration of in-depth specialized knowledge in fields in which CPAs are likely to be engaged. More specifically, the objective of the Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting 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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