CPAs are boring
Does producing the world’s best ice cream sound boring?

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Count on a CPA designation to get you where you want to go.

Become a CPA.
Make becoming a Chartered Professional Accountant your career of choice.

Chartered Professional Accountants (CPAs) are trusted professionals in areas where strategic, financial, and leadership decisions are made. CPAs are equipped with technical and enabling competencies, such as leadership, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills that empower them to make business decisions that drive success.

Why CPA?

1. **Job growth:**
   Accountants are in demand. Over 13,450 new positions are expected to be created over the next 10 years, making professional accountants the fourth highest job growth category in British Columbia.

2. **Earning potential:**
   Your opportunities are endless; so is your potential income. The median annual CPA salary in British Columbia is approximately $100,000.*

3. **Work anywhere:**
   Live and work almost anywhere in the world. Over 12,500 Canadian CPAs work in 100 countries worldwide.

*Source: CPA Canada

Get Started

1. **Get a post-secondary degree**
   Complete an undergraduate degree in any discipline.

2. **Complete the CPA course prerequisites**
   Check if your undergraduate degree covers the 14 finance and accounting courses required for the CPA program at goCPAbc.ca. Any missing courses can be taken through an accredited college or university, or through the CPA Western School of Business.

3. **Complete the Professional Education Program (PEP) & work experience requirements (PER)**
   Complete the 24 month CPA Professional Education Program (PEP) and 30 month Practical Experience Requirements (PER) concurrently.

4. **Pass the Common Final Examination**

5. **Become a CPA**

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**Live your passion**

All organizations need accounting professionals to succeed. A career as a CPA lets you align your career goals, values, and passions with the right employer.

- **Sports fan?** You could manage the financial strategy of a professional hockey team.
- **Foodie at heart?** You could guide the expansion of a restaurant chain across the Americas.
- **Technophile?** Your next challenge could be creating a business plan for a mobile app start-up.
- **Entrepreneur?** Own your own business by bringing your ideas and creative solutions to the marketplace like one in ten CPAs have done.
- **Finance mastermind?** Become the Chief Financial Officer of a corporation – 75% of all CFOs in Canada are CPAs.

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CPA Professional Education Program

The CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP) is a two year, graduate-level program delivered on a part-time basis. CPA PEP provides the flexibility to customize your training toward a specific industry or focus area. Using a blended-learning model, CPA PEP combines online learning, self-study, and classroom learning.

The CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP)

The Three E’s: Education, Experience, and Exam

**Education**
- **Two Core Modules**
  1. Financial Reporting
  2. Strategy and Governance
- **Choose Two Elective Modules**
  1. Assurance
  2. Performance Management
  3. Tax
  4. Finance
- **Two Capstone Modules**
  1. Capstone Integrative
  2. Capstone Exam Preparation

**Experience**
- Complete the CPA Practical Experience Requirement (PER)
  - 30 months of work experience in relevant accounting or finance positions.
  - Experience can be any combination of full-time, part-time, or co-op experience. Get up to 12 months of previous relevant work experience counted towards the work experience requirement.

**Exam**
- The Common Final Examination (CFE) is a national three day exam.

Two Routes, One Designation

There are two training routes to obtain the practical experience requirement:

**Pre-Approved Program Route (PPR)**
In PPR, CPA candidates are employed by organizations with training programs that have been pre-approved by the CPA profession. Pre-approved employers have training programs that provide CPA candidates with the required practical experience within 30 months.

**Experience Verification Route (EVR)**
Using the EVR path, candidates work at an employer of their choice and submit their relevant experience for evaluation directly to CPABC. This route provides CPA candidates with the flexibility to work for any company, in any industry.
About CPABC
The Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC) is the training, governing, and regulatory body for nearly 36,000 CPA members and 5,000 CPA students. CPABC carries out its primary mission to protect the public by enforcing the highest professional and ethical standards and contributing to the advancement of public policy. CPAs are recognized internationally for bringing superior financial expertise, strategic thinking, business insight, and leadership to organizations. Visit bccpa.ca to learn more.

About CPAEF
The Chartered Professional Accountants’ Education Foundation of BC (CPAEF)’s goal is to advance accounting education in BC by enhancing the quality and quantity of students entering the profession. One way CPAEF does this is by offering scholarships and bursaries to aspiring CPA’s. Information on support programs can be found at bccpa.ca/cpaef/helping-students.

About CPABC Career Support
CPA members, candidates, and aspiring CPAs are supported in their career development through exclusive access to the CPABC Careers Site – the only job board and career advancement resource in BC exclusively for business, accounting, and finance professionals. Visit bccpa.ca/careers to learn more.

About CPAWSB
The CPA Western School of Business (CPAWSB) oversees the education of candidates enrolled in the CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP) and CPA preparatory courses in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Nunavut. Visit cpawsb.ca to learn more.

Contact Us
For more information about the CPA program, contact us at 604.872.7222, Toll Free 1.800.663.2677, email recruitment@bccpa.ca, or visit goCPAbc.ca.