



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. Professional accountants have the fourth highest job growth 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.

Live your passion

All organizations need accounting professionals to succeed. A career as a CPA lets you choose your employer based on your interests and pastimes.

Sports fan? You could manage the payroll of a professional hockey team.

Foodie at heart? You could guide the expansion of a restaurant chain across the Americas.

Computer geek? 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 10 CPAs have done.

Finance mastermind? Become the Chief Financial Officer of a corporation – 75% of all CFOs in Canada are CPAs.

**Source: CPA Canada*

Get Started

1 Get a post-secondary degree

Complete a bachelor's degree in any discipline.

2 Complete the CPA course prerequisites

Check if your bachelor degree covers the 14 finance and accounting courses required for the CPA program at goCPAabc.ca. Any missing courses can be taken through an accredited college or university, or through CPA Preparatory Courses.

3 Complete the CPA Professional Education Program & work experience requirements

Complete the 24 month CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP) and 30 month Practical Experience Requirements (PER).

4 Pass the Common Final Examination

5 Become a CPA



Take the first step:

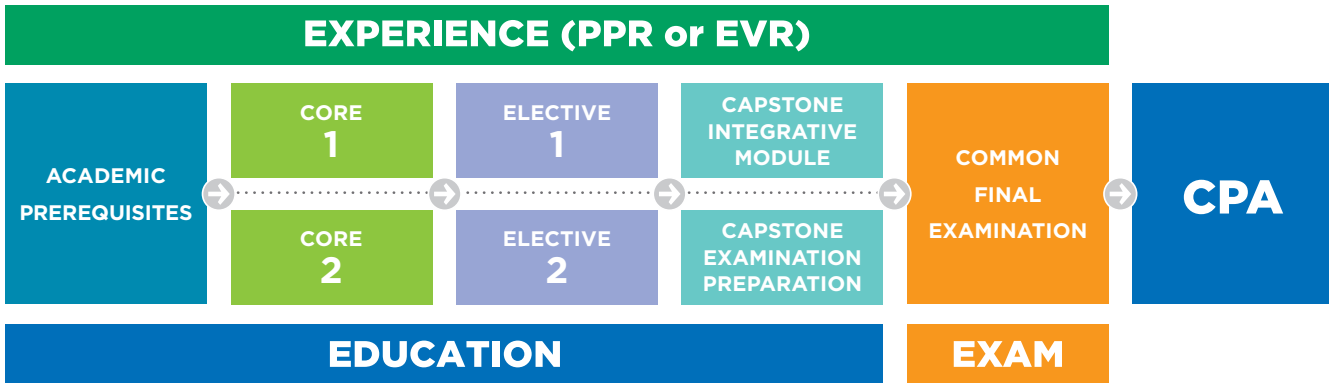
Create a My CPA profile at my.cpawsb.ca. Submit your transcripts for evaluation.

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.

CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP)



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

EDUCATION	EXPERIENCE	EXAM
<p>Two Core Modules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial Reporting 2. Strategy and Governance <p>Two Elective Modules (Choose 2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assurance 2. Performance Management 3. Tax 4. Finance <p>Two Capstone Modules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capstone Integrative 2. Capstone Exam Preparation 	<p>Complete the CPA Practical Experience Requirement – 30 months of work experience in relevant accounting or finance positions.</p> <p>Experience can be any combination of full-time, part-time, or co-op experience. Up to 12 months of work experience prior to starting CPA PEP can be counted towards the the work experience requirement.</p>	<p>The Common Final Examination (CFE) is a national three day exam.</p> 

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 35,000 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 CPABC CareerConnect Program

Employers across all industries seek the skills and knowledge of Chartered Professional Accountants. Through CPABC's CareerConnect Employer program, mentorship program, and the career resources offered through the profession, post-secondary students, CPA candidates and students, as well as CPA members can access CPABC's exclusive career site and connect with employers through CPABC hosted events. 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 the four western provinces and in the Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Nunavut. Visit cpawsb.ca to learn more.

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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 goCPAabc.ca.



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