

CPA Qualifying Courses for Knowledge Assessment Exemption

Douglas College

Accounting and Business Knowledge Requirement

For the CPA Professional Program, applicants are required to [demonstrate accounting and business knowledge](#). This requirement is met by passing the Knowledge Assessment. Applicants may be exempt from the Knowledge Assessment if they have completed the 45 credit hours of qualifying accounting and business post-secondary coursework.

At least one course among the 45 credit hours must have been completed within five years of admission, demonstrating recent academic engagement in the field.

45 Credit Hours of Post-Secondary Coursework

Required Topic Areas (21 Credit Hours)

- At least 21 of the 45 credit hours must cover the six required topic areas.
- You must complete at least one course in each topic area.

The following courses can be used to meet the required topic areas (21 credit hours) for Knowledge Assessment exemption.

Required Topic Area	Bachelor of Business Administration	Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Accounting	Post-Degree Diploma in Accounting	Diploma in Accounting***	Post-Degree Diploma in Accounting Studies***
Intermediate Financial Reporting	ACCT 3410 (3)	ACCT 3410 (3)	ACCT 3410 (3)	ACCT 3410 (3)	ACCT 3410 (3)
Advanced Financial Reporting	ACCT 4510 (3)	ACCT 4510 (3)	ACCT 4510 (3)	-	-
Finance	FINC 2340 (3)	FINC 2340 (3)	-	FINC 2340 (3)	-
Assurance	ACCT 4750 (3)	ACCT 4750 (3)	ACCT 4750 (3)	-	-
Taxation	ACCT 3370 (3) + ACCT 3470 (3)	ACCT 3370 (3) + ACCT 3470 (3)	ACCT 3370 (3) + ACCT 3470 (3)	-	-
Management Accounting	ACCT 4520 (3)	ACCT 4520 (3)	ACCT 4520 (3)	-	-
Total Credit Hours	21	21	18	6	3

* Some courses may have prerequisites. Please confirm requirements with your institution. Prerequisite courses may be used to meet the other accounting and business topic area requirement (24 credit hours).

** If your program does not offer all courses to meet the 21 credit hour requirement, applicants may still be able to complete the remaining courses as elective credits at the institution or by taking them at another institution. Please contact the institution for further details.

*** This program offers elective credits that can be used to complete courses that meet the required topic areas (21 credit hours). Please contact the institution for further details.

Other Accounting and Business Topic Areas (24 Credit Hours)

If you need information on how to complete the 24 credit hours of additional accounting or business coursework required for exemption from the Knowledge Assessment, please visit our [website](#).

If you complete Douglas College's Bachelor of Business Administration program, you will have completed the 24 credit hours of additional accounting or business coursework.

Applicants are highly encouraged to take ACCT 3880 to ensure coverage of big data and data analytics, and information (data) systems/technology learning outcomes.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact a [CPABC Recruitment Officer](#) or a [CPAWSB Admission Advisor](#).