

CPA Qualifying Courses for Knowledge Assessment Exemption

University of British Columbia

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 Commerce	Diploma in Accounting
Intermediate Financial Reporting	COMM 450 V (3)	BUSI 450 (3)
Advanced Financial Reporting	COMM 453 V (3)	BUSI 453 (3)
Finance	COMM 370 V (3)	BUSI 370 (3)
Assurance	COMM 455 V (3)	BUSI 455 (3)
Taxation	COMM 355 V (3)	BUSI 355 (3)
Management Accounting	COMM 354 V (3) + COMM 491 V (3)	BUSI 354 (3) + BUSI 493 (3)
Total Credit Hours	21	21

* 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).

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 the University of British Columbia's Bachelor of Commerce program, you will have completed the 24 credit hours of additional accounting or business coursework.

Questions?

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