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purpose.

Become a Chartered
Professional Accountant.

Succeed in any industry,
anywhere in the world.



Create impact

"I was curious about how I could leverage my technical CPA skill set and be directly involved with impact initiatives related to sustainability and social justice. Everything I've trained for as a CPA, including analytical skills, interpersonal skills, reporting, and audit, is relevant, so working in ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) has been a wonderful way to combine my different passions and skills."

— **Jocelyn Li**, CPA
KPMG Canada

Who is a CPA?

CPAs are big thinkers, innovators, sustainability drivers, and so much more!

A Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) doesn't just crunch numbers. In a world of disruptive change, CPAs create value for organizations in all industries by finding new ways to use their expertise and strategic insight to carve new paths forward.

CPAs work in organizations of every size and in every industry. Many become CEOs or presidents, or start their own businesses. CPAs are in demand in every sector, including in tech, sustainability, entertainment, consulting, and not-for-profit organizations around the world.

Steps to becoming a CPA

- 1 Graduate high school

- 2 Earn a university degree
 - ✓ Major in **accounting** for your undergraduate studies
 - or
 - ✓ Earn an **undergraduate degree** in another discipline
 - +
 - ✓ Take **prerequisite courses** (via CPA preparatory courses or post-secondary institution)

- 3 Complete the CPA Program
 - ✓ Complete the **CPA Professional Education Program** (approximately 24 months)
 - ✓ Write and pass the **Common Final Examination**
 - ✓ Obtain **practical work experience** while completing the education program (approximately 30 months in total)

Essential skills of a CPA

CPAs aren't just known for their abilities in accounting and financial management, they are equipped with skillsets that allow them to be successful in any work environment, including the ability to:



Act ethically and demonstrate professional values



Solve problems and add value to the organization



Communicate effectively



Collaborate and lead others

Quick Facts

COST	Approximately \$14,000 (domestic & international students in BC)
DURATION	Approximately 30 months
EARN WHILE YOU LEARN	Work full-time and study part-time
FINANCIAL SUPPORT	Access employer subsidies, scholarships, and bursaries



Support a rural community

"CPAs are critical to the economic viability and longevity of small towns. There's a crew of CPAs, myself included, that support the mayor and council and ensure our community is properly funded today and 100 years into the future. And there are CPAs behind many of the successful businesses in town - rural communities really rely on the CPA expertise for the City's economic viability but also for the business community."

— **Mallory Denniston**, CPA, CA
City of Powell River

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The Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC) is the training, governing, and regulatory body for over 40,000 CPA members and 6,000 CPA students and candidates. 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.



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