CPA Qualifying Courses for Knowledge Assessment Exemption

Portage 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	Business Administration Diploma
Intermediate Financial Reporting	-
Advanced Financial Reporting	-
Finance	FINA 211 (3)
Assurance	-
Taxation	-
Management Accounting	-
Total Credit Hours	**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 institution does not offer all courses to meet the 21 credit hour requirement, applicants may complete remaining courses at another institution.

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.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact CPA Alberta or a CPAWSB Admission Advisor.

The Accounting and Business Knowledge Requirement is one of several admission requirements for the CPA Professional Program. For a full list of all admission requirements, please visit the admission requirements webpage.

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