

CPA Qualifying Courses for Knowledge Assessment Exemption

Northwestern Polytechnic

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
Intermediate Financial Reporting	BA 2120 (3)
Advanced Financial Reporting	AC 4120 (3)
Finance	FN 3700 (3)
Assurance	AC 4600 (3)
Taxation	AC 4160 (3)
Management Accounting	AC 4140 (3) + BA 4000 (3)
Total Credit Hours	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 Northwestern Polytechnic'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 BA 2500 and BA 2620 to ensure coverage of big data and data analytics, and information (data) systems/technology learning outcomes.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact [CPA Alberta](#) or a [CPAWSB Admission Advisor](#).