

The Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation will get you the future you want. CPAs use their unique business and leadership skills to make a difference in all types of organizations—and to become the person they want to be!

WHATIS





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No matter the mark you want to make on the world, a CPA can help you get there. From taking the reins of a large company to reining in fraud, from making a difference in the world to making sense of mountains of data, the CPA designation will let you be who you want to be!

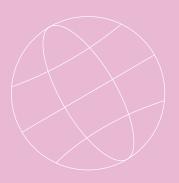


THE TECH

> Uses analytical, financial, and technical skills to help the businesses of the future succeed

Jason Ding CPA, CA Corporate Finance Leader and National Biotechnology Leader for Deloitte Edmonton





THE DIFFERS

Employs strategic and accounting skills to make a difference to worthy causes that impact the lives of thousands

Faith Bacolod CPA Director, Finance and Administration for Muscular Dystrophy Canada







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Inspires and positively influences others for the betterment of all

Robert Andrews CPA, CMA Executive Director of the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Alberta



THE RISING

Gets a head start on becoming a force in the business world and their community

Janine Rogan CPA Financial Solutions Consultant



THIS WAY CPA

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A CPA?



Be in Demand - Now and in the Future

CPAs have the skills and expertise that organizations need to succeed—today and in the future. Because earning your CPA combines business and finance fundamentals with important evolving skill sets like data analytics and new technologies like artificial intelligence, your expertise will always be valued.



Be Rewarded and Respected

CPAs have an exceptional reputation for their knowledge and integrity, and are part of an exclusive, regulated profession. That means there will always be plenty of career options, above-average salaries, and a path to rise to the top of organizations.



Be Able to Work Anywhere

The Canadian CPA designation is recognized around the world. In fact, over a thousand Alberta CPAs work outside of the country, including in the United States, Europe, Australia, the Caribbean, and more!



Finish High School

Focus on completing your high school courses and earning your diploma. Remember, the higher your grades, the more options you will have for the next phase of your life.

Step 2

Obtain a post-secondary degree

The quickest route to ultimately earning your CPA designation is to enter a business or commerce program and earn a degree. Typically, you would concentrate your courses in the accounting area, in order to complete all of the required courses necessary to enter the CPA program.

Step 3

Get work experience and complete CPA Professional Education Program (PEP)

Once you have completed your degree—and sometimes even before—you can start gaining experience (and earning some money) in a CPA-related role. While you are doing that, you will also be gaining new technical and professional skills through the CPA Professional Education Program (PEP).

Step 4

Show you are ready to be a CPA!

After you have gained approximately two years of work experience and proven you have mastered the skills necessary to be a CPA by passing a comprehensive exam (known as the Common Final Examination), you earn the right to call yourself a CPA!

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