



CPA

CHARTERED
PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTANTS
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Transform your career and life.

Become a Chartered
Professional Accountant.

Succeed in any industry,
anywhere in the world.

Quick Facts

COST

Approximately \$14,000
(domestic & international
students in BC)

DURATION

Approximately
30 months

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Access employer
subsidies, scholarships,
and bursaries

What is a CPA?

CPAs are trusted leaders, highly skilled professionals, respected experts, and so much more!

Chartered Professional Accountants (CPAs) are trusted business leaders and advisors. They offer a strong set of accounting and managerial skills required for today's complex and evolving environment. Globally recognized and respected, CPAs bring their education, expertise, and high ethical standards to innovate and change business and society.

How does it compare?

	Years to Complete	Average Cost	Starting Salary
CPA	6.5 years	\$47,000	\$75,000
Lawyer	8 years	\$71,000	\$74,000
Engineer	8 years	\$37,000	\$75,000
MBA	9.5 years	\$103,000	\$90,000

Note: Years to Complete and Average Cost are estimates that include obtaining an undergraduate degree. Starting salary is median between 0 and 3 years. All data based on 2021 figures.

Why become a CPA?

- ✓ **Be in demand** CPAs are always in demand. Enjoy a secure and fulfilling career that will help you achieve your personal and career goals.
- ✓ **Grow your earning potential** Your earning potential grows with your experience. The median annual salary for CPAs in BC is approximately \$116,000.
- ✓ **Advance your career** Expand your career portfolio by working in various roles and industries and grow into senior executive roles. Or live your entrepreneurial dreams and become your own boss.
- ✓ **Make a difference** Align your passion and the core values of a CPA to make a positive impact in the world you live in.

Want to get started?

Admission requirements to enroll in the CPA Program:

- A university degree
- 120-credit hours of post-secondary education
- 14 prerequisite courses
- Good character and reputation

More details at bccpa.ca/cpa_journey



Education

Complete the CPA Program (~24 months, 6 modules).

Core 1 & 2

Six integrated core competency areas:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Financial Reporting | 4 Audit and Assurance |
| 2 Strategy and Governance | 5 Finance |
| 3 Management Accounting | 6 Taxation |

Elective 1 & 2

Choose any two modules:

- Assurance*
- Tax*
- Finance
- Performance Management

**Public accounting candidates must take assurance and tax as their electives.*

Capstone 1 - Integrative Module

- Leadership Skills
- Professional Skills
- Integration of Competencies

Capstone 2 - Exam Preparation

- Develops case writing skills
- Helps prepare candidates for the CFE



Examination

Pass the three-day in-person Common Final Examination (CFE).



Experience

Gain relevant accounting and finance work experience (~30 months), which can be any combination of full-time, part-time, or co-op experience. Up to 12 months of previous relevant work experience may be counted towards the 30-month requirement.

Earn while you learn

Education and experience can happen at the same time!

The CPA Program is an earn while you learn program, where candidates work full-time and study part-time, simultaneously. Estimated time to complete the program is approximately 30 months (2.5 years). However, candidates have a time limit of six years to complete the program, with an extra year to complete any outstanding experience.

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The Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC) is the training, governing, and regulatory body for over 39,000 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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