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\$151,000: average
annual compensation
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CPA accredited

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This accredited professional accounting program provides a pathway to completion of the Professional Education Program (PEP) of Chartered Professional Accounting (CPA) Quebec. Upon completion, you will be ready to take the CFE (Common Final Exam), the three-day CPA professional examination. Both the PEP and the CFE are required for obtaining the CPA designation and to practice as an accountant.

COURSES

CCPA 601 CPA Foundations 1 (6 credits)

This course examines the application of technically complex financial accounting and reporting issues. It will also explore corporate governance, strategy and management accounting, with an emphasis on their integration. The course will foster integration between financial accounting and related audit notions in a case-based setting, while focusing on different roles a CPA may play in an organization, both internal and external.

CCPA 602 CPA Foundations 2 (6 credits)

Pre-requisite: CCPA 601 - CPA Foundations I.

This course develops upon the financial accounting and reporting, management accounting, and audit concepts explored in CCPA 601. Tax will be integrated into case scenarios to simulate the complete set of decision variables faced by a CPA. The course will explore how to perform cash flow projections and business valuations. Emphasis will be placed on using these analyses to provide advice to management.

CCPA 631 Case-Writing and Communication for CPAs (3 credits)

Pre-requisites: CCPA 601, CCPA 602 and two of CCPA 621, CCPA 622, CCPA 623 and CCPA 624.

This course focuses on developing a structured case writing approach and effective presentation skills. Students will practice case-writing which will be professionally graded and debriefed in class. Students will also learn techniques on how to prepare and deliver board-level presentations.

CCPA 641 Capstone 1 Seminar (3 credits)

Pre-requisites: CCPA 601, CCPA 602, CCPA 631 and two of CCPA 621, CCPA 622, CCPA 623 and CCPA 624.
Co-requisite: CCPA 642.

This course will provide an introduction to comprehensive case analysis. Teamwork will be used as a means to integrate the enabling competencies and the six technical competency areas required of a CPA to develop a presentation and report aimed at a Board of Directors. Emphasis will be placed on developing case responses using the CPA Way.

CCPA 642 Capstone 2 Examination Preparation (0 credits)

Pre-requisites: CCPA 601, CCPA 602, CCPA 631 and two of CCPA 621, CCPA 622, CCPA 623 and CCPA 624.
Co-requisite: CCPA 641.

This course will explore communication using the case method. Emphasis will be placed on case writing best practices, mastery of technical material and application of enabling competencies acquired during the program.

Note: Additional fees are charged for this course.

Students must complete two of the following four courses. Students must complete CCPA 621 and CCPA 623 in order to obtain the CPA auditor designation.

CCPA 621 Taxation (3 credits)

Pre-requisites: CCPA 601 and CCPA 602.

This course will focus on providing tax planning and compliance advice for Canadian corporations, trusts individuals and partnerships. This course will integrate tax planning with financial reporting, governance and finance issues.

CCPA 622 Performance Management (3 credits)

Pre-requisites: CCPA 601 and CCPA 602.

This course will explore how to articulate an effective business strategy and policies for corporate governance. The course will also explore how to manage and mitigate risk while assessing overall business performance.

CCPA 623 Assurance (3 credits)

Pre-requisites: CCPA 601 and CCPA 602.

This course will focus on the different elements of an audit plan and how to tailor that plan to different business settings (private companies, public enterprises and NPOs). The course will also explore how to develop procedures, evaluate the effectiveness of internal controls and conclude on audit results.

CCPA 624 Finance for CPAs (3 credits)

Pre-requisites: CCPA 601 and CCPA 602.

This course will examine how to evaluate and recommend investment and financing projects. Advanced topics in corporate finance will be explored, with a focus on decision-making. This course will stress the integration of finance-related decisions with strategy and governance.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Hold a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) with a major or honours in accounting from a recognized Canadian university with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

OR

Hold an undergraduate degree in any discipline from any accredited university along with a Certificate in Accounting or a Diploma in Accounting from McGill University's School of Continuing Studies, or an equivalent credit program from a recognized Canadian university. Both the undergraduate degree and the Certificate in Accounting, Diploma in Accounting, or equivalent credit programs must be completed with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

AND

2. Have completed the following 13 mandatory prerequisite courses as part of the BCom degree, Certificate in Accounting or Diploma in Accounting from a credit program at an accredited Canadian university. These technical competency courses must have been completed within the last 5 years with a grade of B- or higher.

Note: All 13 mandatory prerequisite courses must add up to a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 out of 4.0.

Undergraduate Courses

ACCT 351 - Intermediate Financial Accounting 1
ACCT 352 - Intermediate Financial Accounting 2
ACCT 361 - Management Accounting
ACCT 362 - Cost Accounting
ACCT 385 - Principles of Taxation
ACCT 453 - Advanced Financial Accounting
ACCT 463 - Management Control
ACCT 475 - Principles of Auditing
ACCT 486 - Business Taxation 2
FINE 342 - Corporate Finance
MGCR 211 - Introduction to Financial Accounting
MGCR 341 - Introduction to Finance
MGCR 423 - Strategic Management

OR

Graduate Courses

CACC 521 - Concepts of Financial Accounting
CCAU 511 - Auditing 1
CCFC 511 - Financial Accounting 1
CCFC 512 - Financial Accounting 2
CCFC 513 - Financial Accounting 3
CCMA 511 - Managerial Accounting 1
CCMA 522 - Managerial Accounting 2
CCMA 523 - Managerial Accounting 3
CCTX 511 - Taxation 1
CCTX 532 - Taxation 2
CFIN 512 - Corporate Finance
CFIN 522 - Applied Topics: Corporate Finance
CPL2 552 - Strategic Management

AND

3. Have completed the following 5 mandatory prerequisite courses as part of the BCom degree, Certificate in Accounting, or Diploma in Accounting from a credit program at an accredited Canadian university. These non-technical competency courses must have been completed within the last 10 years with a grade of B- or higher.

Undergraduate Courses

BUSA 364 - Business Law
CMS2 500 - Mathematics for Management
MGCR 273 - Introductory Management Statistics
MGCR 293 - Managerial Economics
MGCR 331 - Information Systems

OR

Graduate Courses

CCLW 511 - Law 1
CEC2 532 - Business Economics
CMIS 541 - Information Systems for Managers
CMS2 500 - Mathematics for Management
CMS2 521 - Applied Management Statistics

AND

4. Students must also provide a C.V. and two letters of reference.

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