

What is a CPA?

Chartered Professional Accountants (CPAs) are trusted business leaders and advisors. CPAs bring their education, expertise, and high ethical standards to organizations in every industry around the world.

The CPA designation is a key to a successful professional career in business and finance, as it provides skills you can use to create limitless opportunities and expand your career path.



Why become a CPA?



Work wherever you want

CPAs are in demand locally and around the world in all industries and sectors.



Be a business leader

CPAs are well respected for their business and accounting leadership.



Incredible job security

For CPA grads in the Atlantic region, 99.1% of new CPA members are already employed and on the fast-track for a successful career.



Give back to your communities

CPAs have a breadth of skills that makes it easy for them to volunteer in all sorts of sectors, close to home and around the world.

How do I become a CPA?

1. Get an undergraduate degree

Domestic and international degrees equivalent to 120 course credits in any concentration or major are accepted.

2. Meet the CPA prerequisite requirements

If you've taken accounting courses in your undergraduate studies, you are likely exempt from key prerequisite courses. Find out by contacting your CPA student advisor or requesting an official eligibility assessment.

3. Complete the CPA Professional Education Program (PEP)

Study anytime, anywhere. Courses are delivered online with some in-person components such as workshops and exams.

4. Pass the CPA Common Final Examination (CFE)

5. Meet the 30-month practical experience requirement

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

6. Become a CPA!

CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP)

The CPA Professional Education Program (CPA PEP) is a part-time graduate-level program. While most candidates take two years to complete the program, you can customize the length of your studies depending on your needs:

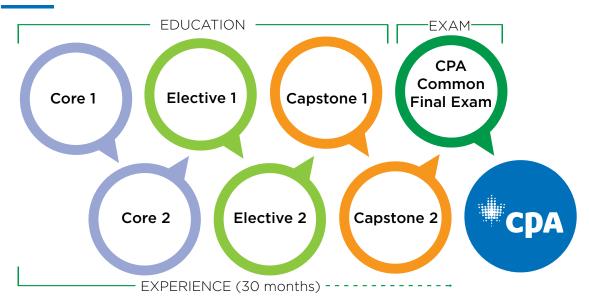


To shorten your studies, take the **fast-track** option. Study full-time for your core and elective modules to shorten the time to complete the program.



Other time commitments? Take the extended core and elective PEP modules that provide a more generous timeline to study and absorb the course material.

CPA PEP Path



PEP Core 1 & 2

Covers the six integrated Choose from: core competency areas: financial reporting, strategy and governance, finance management accounting, audit and assurance, finance, and taxation.

PEP Elective 1 & 2

assurance*, performance management, tax*, and *Public accounting candidates must take assurance and tax as their electives

PEP Capstone 1

Integrates learnings from the core and elective modules in a team-based business case.

PEP Capstone 2

Prepares candidates for the CPA Common Final Exam (CFE) with practice case writing.

CPA Practical Experience Routes

Pre-Approved Program Route (PPR)

Candidates work at organizations with pre-approved training programs. See our list of Pre-Approved Program Route offices at cpaatlantic.ca/ppr-offices.

Experience Verification Route (EVR)

Candidates work at the employer of their choice and submit relevant experience for evaluation directly to CPA Atlantic School of Business.

NEXT STEPS

Attend an info session or upcoming event to learn more about becoming a CPA. Visit cpaatlantic.ca.

Book an advising appointment for one-on-one advice with your student recruitment advisor. Visit cpaatlantic.ca/contact-an-advisor.

Find your career by accessing the CPA Atlantic School's candidate job postings to find opportunities for CPAs and aspiring CPAs. Visit cpaatlantic.ca/candidate-jobs.

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