

High School



Be *ready* for a
changing world.

Become a Chartered Professional Accountant.

Get the business skills
you need to prepare
for *tomorrow*.

CPAs are essential
to businesses and are
always in demand.

Did you know?

Many employers will
subsidize your CPA
tuition fees!

What is a CPA?

A Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) doesn't just crunch numbers. In a world of disruptive change, CPAs create value for businesses in all industries by finding new ways to use their expertise and strategic insight to carve new paths forward.

CPAs work in businesses of every size and in every industry. Many become CEOs or presidents, or start their own businesses. CPAs are in demand everywhere, including in tech, food and beverage, entertainment, and not-for-profit organizations around the world.

CPAs are well-respected professionals like lawyers and doctors. The CPA designation will give you a high earning potential that few other credentials can match.

	CPA	Lawyer	Engineer	MBA
Years to Obtain Designation (including undergraduate education)	6.5 years	8 years	8 years	9.5 years*
Average Cost (including undergraduate education)	\$47,000	\$68,000	\$36,000	\$100,000
Median Starting Salary (0-3 years)	\$74,000	\$68,000	\$64,000	\$83,000

NOTE: All numbers are approximate figures only. | *including 4 years of work experience

CPA Testimonials



Clean Beauty?

"Working in retail doesn't just mean looking at cash flow. I oversee initiatives such as investment in regenerative farming and our donations to charitable organizations in over 42 countries."

- Gloria Ching, CPA, CGA (LUSH)



Gaming Pro?

"I spend the majority of my time engaging with business partners to understand what they are working on and their strategic initiatives, and then determining how we can play a role to make it a reality. My role is at the table, not behind the scenes."

- Nav Dhillon, CPA, CA (EA Games)

How do I become a CPA?

1 Get an undergraduate degree

TIP It can be in any field of study, but a Bachelor of Business Administration or Commerce may put you ahead in your journey to becoming a CPA.

2 Complete the CPA prerequisite courses

TIP If your undergraduate major is in accounting, you will likely meet all the CPA prerequisites during your undergraduate studies.

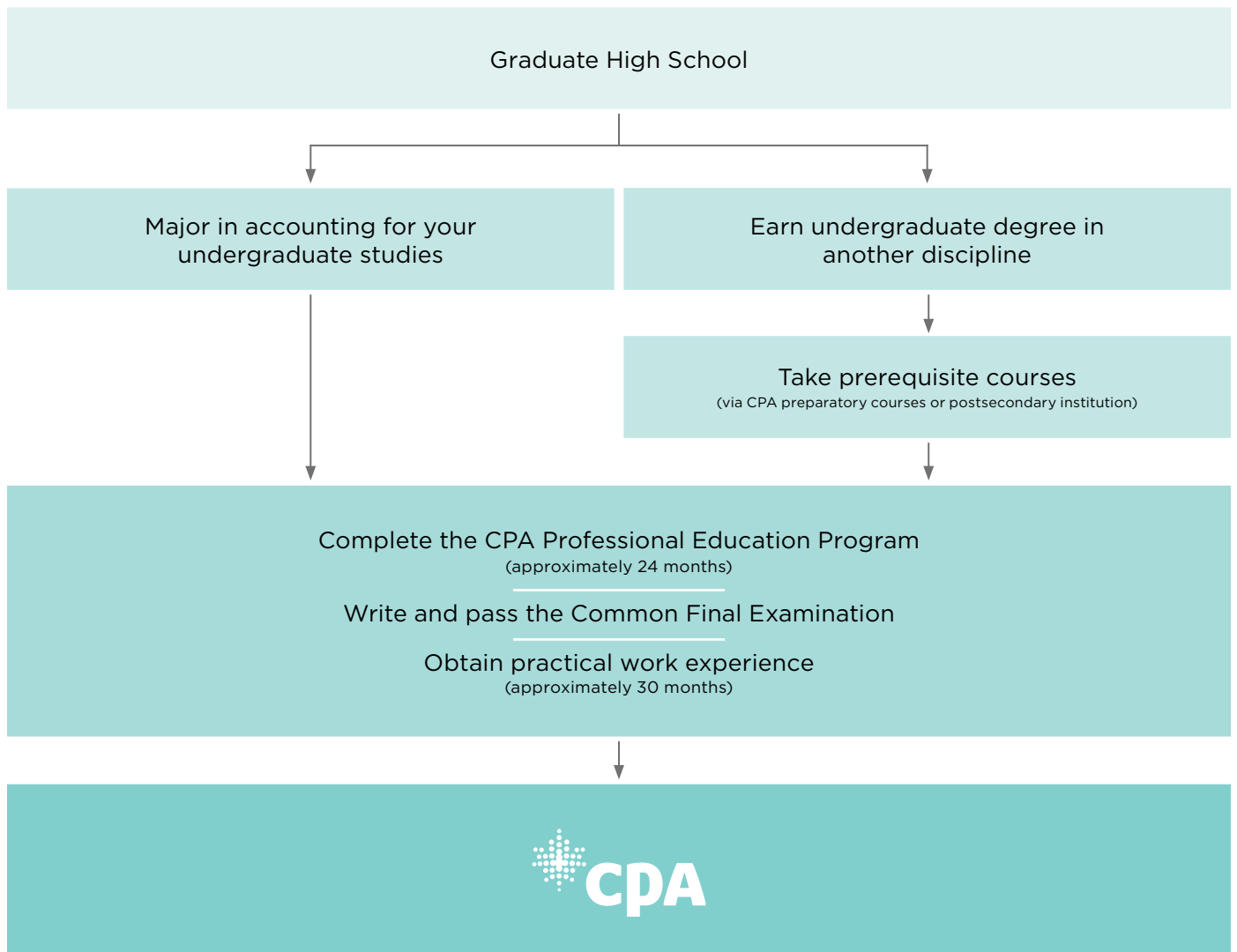
3 Complete the CPA Professional Education Program

TIP You can study part-time and make money while you gain full-time work experience.

4 Pass the Common Final Examination

5 Become a CPA!

You can get your CPA designation in as little as **2.5 years** after completing your undergraduate degree.



About Us

The Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC) is the training, governing, and regulatory body for over 37,000 CPA members and 5,500 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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