



# Graduate Diploma in Professional Accountancy at McMaster University

## Fast-track to CPA Professional Education Program

The McMaster University Graduate Diploma in Professional Accountancy program is one of the first CPA-Accredited programs. It is now open to graduates from other Ontario universities and provides candidates a fast-track to completing the CPA Professional Education Program (PEP).

## CPA Certification and Career Planning

- Develop and enhance your understanding of the technical and enabling competencies required for the CPA Certification program.
- Be equipped to solve problems and analyze cases with an integrated approach.
- Be prepared to deal with complex concepts and the body of knowledge required of modern accounting/ finance professionals.

## Program Overview

DeGroote's **Graduate Diploma in Professional Accountancy program** prepares students to pursue the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation and is accredited by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

The Graduate Diploma program can be completed in 14 weeks on full-time study in the summer term. It gives graduates from Accounting, Business, and Commerce programs as well as MBA programs from Ontario universities the opportunity to start Capstone 1 (Integrative Module) of the CPA Professional Education Program (PEP) directly after graduation. The technical competencies of all four elective areas in the CPA PEP program (Assurance, Taxation, Performance Management, and Finance) are covered in the curriculum.

Please visit our website for more information about the program at:  
[cpa.degroote.mcmaster.ca](http://cpa.degroote.mcmaster.ca)



## Admission Requirements:

### Applicants must have:

- A four-year honours bachelor degree.
- At least a B average (73 – 76%) in each of the last two years of university study.
- An overall average of at least 70%, with a minimum grade of 60% in each, for the following courses: economics; statistics; corporate finance; information systems; operations management; introductory, intermediate and advanced financial accounting; accounting theory; audit and assurance; business law; taxation; strategic management (or business policy).

Candidates of MBA and Master's programs who meet the admission requirements are eligible to apply.

## Summer Term ( May to August )

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| • DPA 600: Professional Workshops (non-credit) | • DPA 701: Corporate Controllershship                     |
| • DPA 601: Advanced Accounting Topics          | • DPA 702: Strategic Management Accounting                |
| • DPA 602: Advanced Auditing                   | • DPA 703: Advanced Canadian Tax Topics (¼ module)        |
| • DPA 603: Financial Reporting and Analysis    | • DPA 704: Accounting Competencies Integration (¼ module) |

## Faculty

The Graduate Diploma program draws upon the expertise of teaching/tenure-track/tenured faculty members and practitioners (CPA, CMA, CA) who have extensive professional experience in the field and/or teaching experience in the Legacy CA School of Accountancy, Legacy CMA Case Exam/Board Report preparation, and the CPA PEP Core Modules.

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