

Accounting

Accounting is the key discipline within an organization that identifies, measures and communicates financial information to internal customers like managers and externally to investors and regulatory bodies. The Accounting programs are carefully aligned with the requirements of the CPA accounting designation and offer various levels of courses in financial and management accounting, tax, audit, finance, economics, and other core business functions such as marketing and operations and information management.

Students can complete a **Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accounting** which allows graduates to earn a business degree that prepares them to obtain a professional accounting designation in Canada (CPA designation).

The **Accounting Diploma program** prepares graduates for entry-level accounting positions in the work force or to continue their studies at KPU in the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accounting.

The **Accounting Certificate program** prepares graduates for entry-level bookkeeping and accounting positions in the work force, or to pursue an Accounting Diploma.

Some unique features of the Accounting programs are:

- Applied projects and assignments to ensure graduates acquire the practical skills valued by employers.
- A large offering of courses in Richmond, Surrey, and Langley during the day and evenings for Fall, Spring and Summer semesters to ensure maximum flexibility in schedules.
- Opportunities for accounting-related employment (through Careers Services and Cooperative Education) while earning a degree.
- Opportunity to join the Accounting Society of KPU (ASK) student club, providing regular exposure to CPA representatives.

Many of the courses included in this program are articulated with other universities and colleges for ease of course transferability to and from KPU. Please refer to the BC Transfer Guide at <http://www.bctransferguide.ca> regarding the transferability of courses to and from specific institutions in British Columbia.

Please visit kpu.ca/business/programs-and-courses for more information on School of Business programs.

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STUDENT PROFILE

Students who excel in the accounting profession have numerical aptitude, strong critical thinking skills, and effective written and oral communications skills.

To acquire a professional accounting designation, you must obtain a degree in any field and complete the required accounting courses. Students with degrees in other fields may take these courses at KPU.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career opportunities are numerous, diverse, and often lucrative for Accounting graduates. There will always be a need for individuals who can provide accurate and timely financial information to managers, investors, and regulatory bodies. Financial management is not restricted to any specific industry, management level, or country. All organizations have financial information processing and reporting needs.

Placements range from public accounting firms to internal bookkeeping and accounting positions in service companies, manufacturing, retail and merchandising management, banking and financial services, government and the not-for-profit sector.

Intermediate to senior or management accounting positions generally require the Certified Professional Accounting (CPA) designation.