

The business world is counting on you. Yep, you!

Become a CPA.



**CPA**

COMPTABLES  
PROFESSIONNELS  
AGRÉÉS

## What does CPA mean?

CPA is the short version of **chartered professional accountant**. CPAs do much more than crunch numbers! They are pros who excel in leading, analyzing, and strategizing for the future.

Their expertise is a good fit for key positions in a wide range of sectors.

To be a CPA, you don't have to be a math whiz (phew!)



CPAs interpret numbers to come up with business strategies. In their daily work, CPAs mostly use basic math skills like addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Basically, comprehension and logic are more important than getting an A+ on your algebra exam.

## In numbers

### In Quebec

- 41,000 CPAs
- 52% men | 48% women

### In Canada

- 220,000 CPA
- 12,500 CPAs work abroad



## Sought-after skills

- Thoroughness and organizational skills
- Logical and analytical
- Communication skills
- Team player
- Creativity



## Live your passion

All organizations need accounting professionals if they want to succeed. With the CPA profession, you can choose your employer based on your interests and pastimes. Here are some examples:

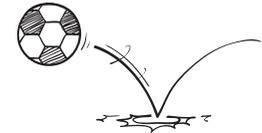


### Explorer

Join humanitarian missions and use your expertise in developing countries

### Sports fan

Manage the payroll of a professional soccer team

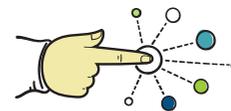


### Foodie

Analyze how much it would cost for your favourite restaurant chain to go green

### Fashionista

Plan out the procurement of high-fashion collections



### Techie

Create a business plan for a mobile app start-up

### A born entrepreneur

Start your own business with 100% Quebec products



Did you know that 1 out of every 15 CPAs owns their own business?



## Annual median salary by years of experience

Less than 4 years	\$89,000
Between 5 and 9 years	\$98,000
Between 10 and 14 years	\$113,000
Between 15 and 19 years	\$124,000
Over 20 years	\$130,000

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Take our quiz to see which profile best matches your personality and find out whether the CPA designation is for you!



## Why become a CPA?

1. The potential to combine your passion with your career aspirations
2. A recognized professional designation that opens many doors in the business world
3. A toolbox of skills that lets you speak and understand the language of business
4. Opportunities to work abroad
5. A nearly 100% placement rate

## These are the steps in the process of obtaining the CPA designation.



Obtain a secondary school diploma. Some CEGEPs require you to pass Secondary 5 mathematics courses in one of the following sequences:

- Technical Science (TS)
- Natural Sciences (NS)

Enroll in a CEGEP and obtain a diploma of college studies from one of these programs:

- Pre-university program
  - Natural sciences
  - Social sciences, with mathematics
- Technology program
  - Accounting and management



Enroll in a recognized bachelor's degree program in accounting or business administration, with a concentration in professional accounting.

Pass the CPA Professional Education Program.



## Foundation of Quebec CPAs

The Foundation assists hundreds of young people on their path toward the CPA designation. In fact, through its scholarships, awards and grants, it helps people in precarious financial situations, encourages social involvement, and recognizes excellence in future CPAs.





## For more information

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