

CPA might just add up for you

The many advantages of these famous three letters



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.

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 Quebec
42,000
CPAs

In Canada
220,000
CPAs

48%
WOMEN

52%
MEN

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:

Fashionista

Plan out the procurement of high-fashion collections

Explorer

Join humanitarian missions and use your expertise in developing countries

A born entrepreneur

Start your own business with 100% Quebec products

Techie

Create a business plan for a mobile app start-up

Foodie

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

Sports fan

Manage the payroll of a professional soccer team



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



When your passion (and your profession) literally pays

This table makes it pretty clear: It pays to be a CPA.

Annual median salary by years of experience

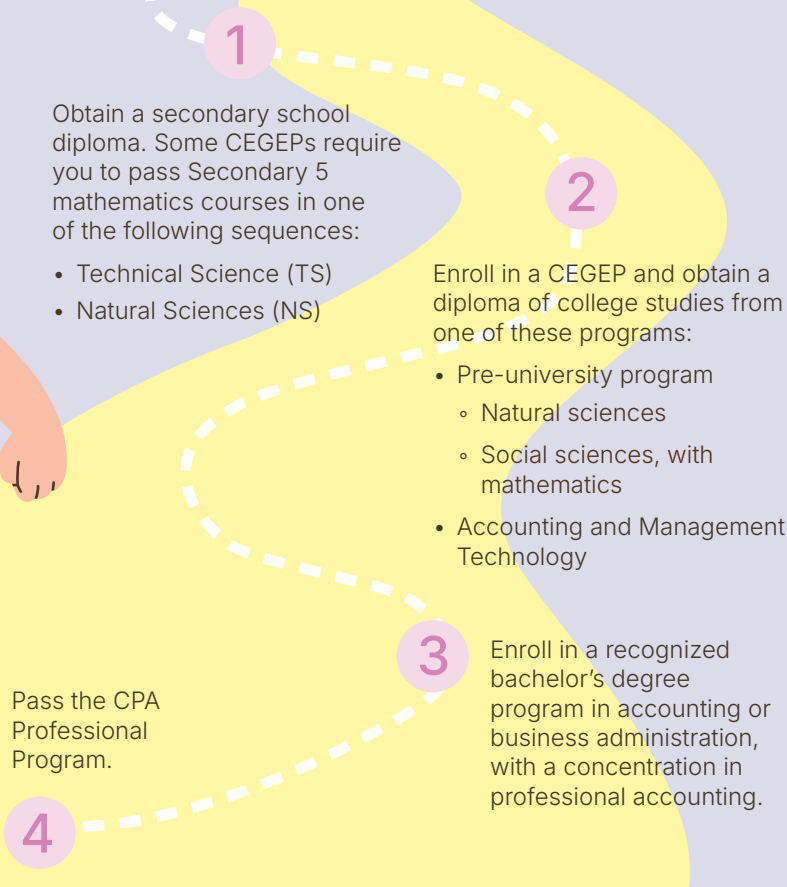
Less than 4 years	\$108,000
Between 5 and 9 years	\$121,000
Between 10 and 14 years	\$138,000
Between 15 and 19 years	\$152,000
Between 20 and 24 years	\$157,000
Over 20 years	\$162,000

Sought-after skills

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



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



Explore your future profession!

Start a business, travel, run the show, innovate... all of this is possible when you become a CPA. Discover a range of jobs in all kinds of sectors!

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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.

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