

Dear student,

In September 2025 we shared information about the new CPA Professional Program and committed to provide updates as the program launch in 2027 approaches. Below you will find additional details and links to information available on the CPAWSB website ([www.cpawsb.ca](http://www.cpawsb.ca)).

### **Extension of CPA preparatory courses to December 2027**

We are pleased to confirm that CPA preparatory courses will be offered until late 2027. The final date to register for a course is November 4, 2027, and the final exam sitting will be in December 2027. There will be no rewrites available after the final exam sitting.

### **Annual Re-enrollment Open**

Students remaining enrolled in the CPA preparatory courses should now complete annual re-enrollment for the 2026/2027 academic year. Students must complete the annual re-enrollment (\$660 plus GST for April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027) by Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Those who fail to make payment by Sunday, May 31, 2026, will be suspended from the CPA preparatory courses.

### **Athabasca University Transfer Credit**

To provide additional flexibility, we've established a transfer credit pathway with Athabasca University. This option enables people who have passed CPA preparatory courses at the CPA Western School of Business to complete the prerequisite knowledge required to enter the CPA Professional Program at Athabasca University, even if they are no longer active students with CPAWSB.

For additional information and guidance, please refer to our [website](#).

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### **CPA Professional Program Entry**

The final offering of CPA PEP Core 1 starts in January 2027. If you are not able to complete all CPA preparatory courses or equivalents to enroll in CPA PEP before the final offering of the module, plan to enroll in the new CPA Professional Program.

The admission requirements for the CPA Professional Program have now been updated and are available on the [website](#). One of the academic requirements is demonstrating accounting and business knowledge. You can demonstrate the accounting and business knowledge in two ways:

1. **Accounting and Business Coursework:** Complete 45 credit hours of accounting and business coursework with specific competency coverage. *Passing all the CPA preparatory courses or completing courses through a post secondary institution meets this requirement; or,*
2. **Pass the Knowledge Assessment.**

**Accounting and Business Coursework**

If you intend to meet the competency requirement by completing 45 credit hours of accounting and business coursework, we encourage you to complete as many CPA preparatory courses as you can before December 2027 and complete any remaining courses at a post-secondary institution after that date.

Please note that later this year, CPAWSB will provide you with a re-assessment outlining your specific competency coverage to meet the admission requirements for the CPA Professional Program. We anticipate that the re-assessments will be complete by the end of Summer 2026 and will let you know when yours is available. For now, we encourage you to focus on working through the required topic areas as outlined on your CPA PEP assessment.

**Knowledge Assessment**

You are not required to complete specific coursework if you intend to demonstrate accounting and business knowledge by passing the Knowledge Assessment. Coursework you have completed to date and coursework you complete in the coming months will help you prepare for the Knowledge Assessment. You do not need to complete annual re-enrollment for the 2026/2027 academic year if you intend to stop taking CPA preparatory courses and write the Knowledge Assessment.

We encourage you to review the [Competency Map 2.0](#) for more information on the knowledge expected at entry to the CPA Professional Program and to be tested within the Knowledge Assessment. We are exploring how to support students who intend to write the Knowledge Assessment and anticipate having more information in Summer 2026.

If you would like advice on which path is best for you, book an advising appointment with the Student Experience team: [Student Experience and Examinations Calendar](#).