



See more, do more, be more

Look at your future in a whole new way. Choose a challenging and rewarding career – and make your unique strengths count in the ever-changing global economy. Throughout the world and across all industries, certified general accountants hold high-income positions of influence and respect while enjoying balanced lifestyles. You know life's not about being chained to a desk – so plan to live well and work smart as a CGA.



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GENERAL
ACCOUNTANTS

We see more than numbers.

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My enrolment into the CGA program opened opportunities right from the start... and promotions throughout. My new role offers challenges, opportunities and a balanced work/family life – allowing me to spend time with my family, while still managing a great profession.

Karol Vera, CGA | Senior Financial Analyst | MTS Allstream Inc.

Focus on what matters

What do you see as your ideal lifestyle?

It makes sense to think about a career that includes the things that matter most to you. CGAs' ability to work in every industry means that you can connect your work directly to your passions – whether that's hockey, politics, music... you name it.

And what about life choices outside of work?

Go for it. As a CGA, you can enjoy a balanced lifestyle that respects family time and the pursuit of fun. In fact, you'll be joining the ranks of a \$2.4 million World Series of Poker player, an Ironman world class competitor, a professional musician, and other life-loving CGAs – a category that includes innumerable professionals who have found the designation a great match with raising children and enjoying family life.

Looking forward

Can you see yourself as a CGA? We can! We're proud of the diversity of our membership – and we believe there's a place for you as a CGA. You don't need to be a math genius to get started, as long as you're willing to work hard and learn.

To keep your opportunities open, focus on these areas in high school:

- Mathematics, including calculus, algebra and finite math
- English, especially communication skills such as composition and reading
- Accounting, computers, law and economics are also helpful

And then...? It's a great idea to earn a university degree before going on to the CGA program of studies. You will need a degree to complete the program and obtain your designation, but you won't need to have it before enrolling in the program. Post-secondary accounting and business courses count as credits towards completing the CGA program, and on-line degree partnerships mean you can work toward your CGA designation while achieving a university degree at the same time. We try to keep opportunities for success open to all who are willing to work for them.

To learn more about your options and the CGA designation, visit our website seeyourway.org.

We see a great future ahead for high school students who want a fulfilling career built on a respected and rewarding designation.

What do you see?

Connect your passions with your profession

Achieving a balanced work/family life – internationally

Sally Boucher, CGA
President, Boucher Management Group
Dominican Republic and Spain

Supporting her ethnic community

Younghee Monica Kim, CGA
Self-employed

Making it happen for the arts

Michael Johnson, CGA
Controller, Sony Centre for the Performing Arts

Keeping the music alive

Eddison Doyle, CGA
Chief Financial and Operating Officer
Toronto Caribbean Carnival (Caribana)

Doing vital work for the sport he loves

Richard Smit, CGA
Director of Finance and Hockey Related Revenue
National Hockey League Players' Association

Making a difference in a not-for-profit organization

Charles Abayomi, CGA
Director, Finance and Administration
Macaulay Child Development Centre

Succeeding in small-town Ontario

Claudette Edie, CGA
Claudette Edie, CGA, Professional Corporation

Guiding a US\$4-billion company

Kevin Kingsley-Williams, CGA
Controller, Jarden Consumer Solutions

Addressing the financial impact of social justice

Yasmin Ratansi, FCGA
Member of Parliament, Don Valley East

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Your life looks bright ... as a CGA

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See your way to CGA

It's your turn to define what "the good life" means to you. Money, professional respect, family time, fun, a focus on your passions? A valued skill set that lets you be choosy about jobs and adaptable to changing circumstances?

Get it all as a certified general accountant. CGAs are accounting and finance professionals with a difference – they understand the real-world challenges behind the numbers. When businesses, not-for-profit organizations and individuals want to reach higher, CGAs help it happen. They see ways to solve difficult problems and create exciting new opportunities.

To earn their designation – the right to call themselves CGAs – candidates complete rigorous requirements through wide-ranging academic courses, as well as in the workforce. It's a tough program but it's set up in a way that works with the realities of each student's life. Courses are online for independent learning, degree partnership programs offer great flexibility, and students can earn while they learn. Some people push through in just two years, while others find it more beneficial to take longer or to explore a wider range of courses and work opportunities along the way.

No matter the approach, students emerge ready to hold a top position in any business sector. CGAs are recognized internationally as experts in management, decision making, information management and organizational leadership. And they're rewarded well for their expertise: in Canada, CGAs' average salaries are in the top 5% of all income earners. In fact, it's possible to earn impressive salaries even as a student pursuing the CGA designation.

“The CGA designation provided an unparalleled return on investment.”

Diana Evans, CGA
Vice-President and Financial Controller
Citi Cards Canada Inc.

Applying on the job what you are learning in your studies improves both your work and your marks.

Katherine Chan, CGA
Manager of Internal Financial Reporting
Universal Music Canada

The CGA designation offers stability in an always changing environment.

Robert Fotheringham, CGA
Senior Vice-President, Trading
TMX Group

Look sharp

“Keep your options open” isn't just advice given to high school students... it's a smart move throughout your entire career. Life changes fast, and so do the needs of employers and industries. CGAs thrive in a changeable world. They're trained to be adaptable thinkers who know how to use their unique skills in many different situations, teams and industries. When employers hire a CGA, they gain a professional who is valuable no matter what the future brings – and that's a trait that is always in demand.

My studies provided the knowledge and flexibility to transition from accounting and finance to operations.

Sabrina Darchiville, CGA
Vice-President, Operational Build Team
TD Securities