

# WHAT TO DO WITH A DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING



A degree in Accounting offers a clear pathway to a stable, respected, and detail-oriented career in virtually every industry. Whether you're interested in financial reporting, auditing, tax planning, or management accounting, this degree equips you with essential analytical and problem-solving skills that organizations rely on for sound decision-making. If you're drawn to working with numbers, ensuring regulatory compliance, or supporting strategic financial planning, studying Accounting can lead to a wide range of meaningful and rewarding opportunities across the public, private, and non-profit sectors in Canada.

This profile is designed to be a **starting point for your career exploration**. It can help you:

- Discover potential career options;
- Guide your research into industries and job roles;
- Identify relevant employers and professional associations;
- Make meaningful connections with people in your field of interest.

## Key Skills & Knowledge

- Analytical & Problem-Solving Skills
- Technical Knowledge
- Mathematical Skills
- Accounting Software Proficiency
- Teamwork & Collaboration
- Attention to Detail
- Adaptability & Willingness to Learn
- Ability to Work Independently
- Analyze Complex Data
- Communication Skills
- Ethical Decision-Making
- Time Management
- Relationship Building
- Excellent Work Ethic
- Action Oriented
- Strategic Thinking
- Leadership & Initiative

## START YOUR FUTURE HERE

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### *Important Note:*

This resource does not list every possible career path, and it's **not meant to limit your choices**. Your career journey is unique, and there are countless opportunities beyond what's listed here.

Use this guide as a tool for **discovery**—to reflect on what interests you, explore new possibilities, and uncover opportunities that align with your goals, values, and strengths.

## Sample Job Titles

Job opportunities vary based on your degree specialization, experience, and industry. Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the British Columbia government's [occupational profiles](#) for salary info and more detail.

- Accounts Receivable/Payable
- Controller
- Junior Accountant
- Associate Auditor
- Tax Associate
- Budget Analyst (Junior)
- Compliance Assistant
- Payroll Administrator
- Accounting Assistant
- Bookkeeper
- Financial Services Officer
- Compliance Assistant
- Articling Student (CPA)
- Treasurer

## Potential Fields

- Non-profit & Charitable Organizations
- Public Accounting
- Tech & Start-up Companies
- Healthcare
- Film, Media & Creative Industries
- Real Estate & Construction
- Government & Public Sector
- Banking & Financial Services
- Entrepreneurship & Consulting
- Media, Entertainment & Publishing
- Corporate / Industry Accounting

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# Associations & Professional Development

Chartered Professional Accountants of BC (CPABC):  
[www.bccpa.ca](http://www.bccpa.ca)

Canadian Payroll Association: [www.payroll.ca](http://www.payroll.ca)

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE):  
[www.acfe.com](http://www.acfe.com)

Canadian Tax Foundation (CTF): [www.ctf.ca](http://www.ctf.ca)

QuickBooks Level I & II: [www.ufv.ca/continuing-education/courses/business-and-management/bookkeeping/](http://www.ufv.ca/continuing-education/courses/business-and-management/bookkeeping/)

LinkedIn Learning & Coursera: For online professional development and certification programs.

## Get Involved

Exploring and engaging with accounting-related opportunities during your degree is a great way to build real-world experience, expand your professional network, and stand out to employers after graduation. Here's how to get started:

- Join the Student Accounting Association: [saa@ufv.ca](mailto:saa@ufv.ca)
- Become a Student Member of a Professional Association
- Volunteer for Tax Clinics
- Attend Conferences, Career Fairs, & Networking Events
- Pursue Co-ops & Internships: [www.ufv.ca/jobs](http://www.ufv.ca/jobs)
- Become a Student Ambassador
- Build a Professional Profile
- Engage with Faculty & Alumni

## Job Boards

Indeed: [www.ca.indeed.com](http://www.ca.indeed.com)

CPABC Job Board: [www.careers.bccpa.ca](http://www.careers.bccpa.ca)

TalentEgg: [www.talentegg.ca](http://www.talentegg.ca)

Career Builder: [www.careerbuilder.ca](http://www.careerbuilder.ca)

Glassdoor: [www.glassdoor.ca](http://www.glassdoor.ca)

LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/jobs](http://www.linkedin.com/jobs)

Simply Hired: [www.simplyhired.ca](http://www.simplyhired.ca)

Workopolis: [www.workopolis.com](http://www.workopolis.com)

Government of Canada Job Bank:  
[www.jobbank.gc.ca/findajob](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/findajob)

WorkBC: [www.workbc.ca](http://www.workbc.ca)

UFV Centre for Experiential & Career Education:  
[www.ufv.ca/jobs](http://www.ufv.ca/jobs)

## Next Steps

### STEP 1: Identify your top 3-5 skills:

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### STEP 3: Research these jobs on [Indeed.ca](http://Indeed.ca)

### STEP 4: Identify 5-7 work environments that you think would be a good fit for you:

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### STEP 2: Write down 5-7 job titles that interest you:

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### STEP 5: Meet with your School of Business Advisor to discuss your findings and create an educational plan that matches what you've discovered:

[Book an Advising Appointment](#)