



Accounting

Develop a strong understanding of accounting fundamentals you'll need to succeed in management positions or gain the foundational skills to start your bookkeeping or accounting career.

You will obtain practical knowledge of fundamental accounting processes, including income statements and balance sheets, accounts receivable and accounts payable, fixed assets and depreciation, and more, from instructors with professional accounting experience.

You will work independently and in teams to develop and apply your skills using spreadsheets and accounting software to reconcile accounts and record a wide variety of journal entries related to full-cycle accounting.

Additionally, you will develop your soft skills and business acumen to understand how the accounting field contributes to all areas of business. You will finish the program with a capstone course that enables you to apply your abilities in a work-integrated learning project and further develop critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and organizational capabilities. You'll have up to five years to complete this certificate.

This certificate could be your first step toward the Chartered Professional Accountant Professional Education Program (CPA PEP). When you complete the program, you have the opportunity to ladder into higher credentials at SAIT.

Up to 27 credits from this certificate can be applied to our [Business Administration](#) diploma or [Bachelor of Business Administration](#) programs (varies by major). Both programs have additional admission requirements and your timeline to complete a diploma or degree begins when you start the first certificate course.

Is this the right program for me?

To achieve success in this program, students should:

- be proactive, independent and resourceful
- have strong written and oral communication skills
- be prepared to work in teams
- be proficient in the use of a Windows-based computer and Microsoft Office software
- spend 9-12 hours per week on each course, including in-class hours
- actively participate in all classes and activities
- become familiar with and adhere to SAIT's academic policies.
- be ready for a challenge and committed to keeping yourself on schedule.

If you are engaged in campus life and take advantage of SAIT services and resources, you may be more likely to experience success in SAIT's programs.

Professional designations and certifications

Graduates will have the opportunity to pursue a professional designation. Additional exams, education, or work requirements may apply for earning a designation or certification. Completion of a degree is required.

You can pursue the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) Professional Education Program, upon completion of a degree. See SAIT's [Bachelor of Business Administrator](#) or [Bachelor of Applied Business Administration](#).

Credentials

After successfully completing this program, graduates will receive a SAIT Accounting certificate.

Admission requirements

Admission dates

Applications are accepted until the program start date but are subject to change.

- **Fall 2022 start:** applications opened on Oct. 6, 2021.
- **Winter 2023 start:** applications opened on March 30, 2022.
- **Spring 2023 start:** applications opened on June 13, 2022.

Program requirements

Completion of the following courses or equivalents:

- At least 50% in Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 or Pure Math 30, or
- At least 60% in Applied Math 30 or
- At least 50% in SAIT BMAT 230 Business Mathematics

All applicants to SAIT must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

A combination of education and experience will be considered upon approval from the Academic Chair

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission. If you don't meet the requirements, consider [Academic Upgrading](#).

SAIT evaluates international documents for admissions. After you've applied, consider our [international document assessment](#) service if your education is from outside of Canada.

Direct entry: four-step process

Step 1: Read the program information to see the qualities needed for student success.

Step 2: Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above.

Step 3: [Apply](#) to Accounting and [submit your transcripts and/or anticipated final grades](#).

- Admission will be extended on a first-qualified, first-offered basis until the program is full.

Step 4: Find out how to monitor your application status [after you apply](#).

Communication during admission

Email is the primary source of communication during the selection process. Ensure your personal email account is managed appropriately to receive our emails, files and communications. We recommend you add the business.advising@sait.ca domain to your safe senders' list or you risk missing critical email messages.

Costs 2022/23

Domestic tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$189

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	2	\$5,670	\$916	\$553	\$7,139

Domestic cost per course

Course credits	Course cost
1.5	\$283.50
3.0	\$567

*Maximum fee. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits a student takes per semester and whether they opt-out of health and dental benefits.

SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee: \$196
- Universal transit pass (Upass): \$320
- Student support fee: \$200
- Student technology fee: \$200

The above fees are based on a course load of nine (9) or more credits per semester. Students taking less than nine (9) credits per semester do not qualify for the UPass. Other fees will be adjusted based on reduced credit load.

Saitsa fees

Student Association fee

- Maximum: \$291

This is the maximum amount the student will pay. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits the students take per semester.

Health and dental fees

- Health plan: \$127
- Dental plan: \$135

Students with existing health and/or dental plans can opt-out. Please refer to [Saitsa's website](#) for information.

Students taking less than nine (9) credits per semester do not qualify for health and dental benefits.

For more information on health and dental benefits for international students, please contact the [International Centre](#).

Books and supplies*

Books and supplies are approximately \$1,000 - \$1,500 per full-time year.

For an estimate of the costs associated with purchasing a computer that meets the program's hardware and software requirements, see our [computers and laptops page](#).

Learn more about [tuition and financial aid](#).

*Tuition, fees, books and supply costs are subject to change.