

What Can I Do With a Spratt Business Degree?

Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting Concentration

Areas to explore:

- Audit** - reviewing accounting ledgers and financial statements within corporations and government. This work is becoming increasingly computerized and can involve significant travel.
- Budget Analysis** - developing and managing an organization's financial plans. Besides quantitative skills many budget analyst jobs require good people skills because of negotiations involved in the work.
- Financial Accounting** – preparing financial statements based on general ledgers and participate in important financial decisions involving mergers and acquisitions and long-term financial projections. This work requires a good understanding of both accounting and finance.
- Management Accounting** - participating in decisions about capital budgeting and line of business analysis. Major functions include cost analysis, analysis of new contracts and participation in efforts to control expenses efficiently. This work often involves the analysis of the structure of organizations.
- Tax** - preparing corporate and personal income tax statements and formulating tax strategies involving issues such as financial choice, how to best treat a merger or acquisition, deferral of taxes, when to expense items and the like. This work requires a thorough understanding of economics and the tax code.

Certifications:

- Chartered Certified Accountant (CPA)
(Chartered Accountants CA, Certified Management Accountants CMA and Certified General Accountants CGA have merged into one CPA designation)
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certified Bookkeeper (CB)
- Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP)
- Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA)
- Certified Forensic Accountant (Cr.FA)
- Accredited Business Accountant (ABA)
- Accredited Tax Advisor (ATA)
- Accredited Tax Preparer (ATP)

Career Opportunities:

Junior Roles:

- Bookkeeper
- Junior Accountant
- Accounting/Payroll Administrator
- CPA Student
- Staff Accountant

Future/Senior Roles:

- Corporate Controller
- Financial Auditor
- Income Tax Expert

- Industrial Accountant
- Internal Auditor
- Budget Analyst
- Cost Accountant
- Managerial Accountant
- Treasury Analyst
- Office Manager
- Payroll Specialist
- Consultant

Common Sectors for Employment:

- Business / Professional Services
- Education
- Public Relations
- Hi-Tech
- Government
- Publicity
- Consulting
- Insurance
- Research
- Management

Accounting Firms:

Accounting Firms in Ottawa

- BDO LLP (www.bdo.com)
- Collins Barrow LLP (www.collinsbarrowottawa.com)
- Deloitte (www.deloitte.ca)
- EY (www.ey.com)
- Ginsberg Gluzman Fage & Levitz LLP (www.ggfl.ca)
- KPMG LLP (www.kpmg.ca)
- MNP Ottawa (www.mnp.ca)
- PwC LLP (www.pwc.com)
- Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton (www.rcgt.com)
- Welch LLP (www.welchllp.com)
- McCay Duff LLP (www.mccayduff.com)
- Hendry Warren (www.hwllp.ca)
- Connelly & Koshy (<http://www.ck-ca.com/>)
- Andrews & Co. (www.andrews.ca)

Start Exploring Your Options!

Now that you have identified a few careers on this list that you might be interested exploring, start doing a little research to find out more information about them! Use the following web sites to get started:

- <http://www.glassdoor.com> This web site provides the user with an inside look at companies including company salaries, reviews and interviews.
- <http://www.vault.com> This web site provides information about top employers, education programs, job search advice, salary info and job listings. Sprott student can access this site through mySprott.
- www.workingincanada.gc.ca - This site provides the user with information about jobs associated with different majors and provides information on projected career growth and salary levels.
- www.careercruising.com - This web site provides detailed information on careers including typical career descriptions, salary levels, required education, sample career paths and interviews with people currently working in the position. Use our login and password to check it out: **Login:** carleton **Password:** university
- Talentegg.ca, Peter's New Jobs (PNJ), workopolis.com are examples of sites that post hundreds of jobs. You may see something that interests you and want to investigate further.

Co-op and Experiential Learning An Integral Component of the Bachelor of Commerce Degree

The **Bachelor of Commerce** has a co-op option! **Co-op** is an excellent opportunity for students to gain practical and hands on experience in their field. Not only does it give students that cutting edge experience-wise, but it is also an amazing chance to make contacts in your field and do some serious networking. The following is a list of some of the organizations that Sprott co-op students have worked:

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| ✓ Collins Barrow | ✓ Industry Canada | ✓ Canada Revenue Agency |
| ✓ Public Works & Government Services | ✓ Canada Post | ✓ Office of the Auditor General |
| ✓ City of Ottawa | ✓ The Big 4 | ✓ Softron Tax |
| ✓ Welch | ✓ Human Resources & Social Development Canada | ✓ Bank of Montreal |
| ✓ Alcatel-Lucent | ✓ Minto | |

Other Opportunities to Explore your Career Options & Get Involved

Volunteering

Another great way to build your resume and gain insight into prospective occupations is to volunteer your time at a relevant organization or association. It is a good opportunity to network and make contacts in your area of study. Why not join a club or society?

Join a Sprott Student Club

Student run clubs and societies are a great way to network with people of similar interests and develop great resume material at the same time. The Sprott School of Business supports a variety of student organizations including:

- ✓ Sprott Business Students' Society (SBSS)
- ✓ Sprott Accounting Students' Association (SASA)
- ✓ AIESEC (Leadership & Internship Programs)

For more information on career and employment resources through the **Sprott School of Business** please contact the Business Career Management Centre at 613-520-3973 or by email at

sprottcareers@sprott.carleton.ca.

Make sure to read [Sprott of the Press](#) each week and check the [Sprott Career Portal](#) regularly for information related to upcoming events and new job postings.

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