

Build Your Career in Public Practice

Explore your options. There are many ways to build a successful career in public practice. Working in a public practice firm provides an excellent training ground for any professional accounting career path you choose. In evaluating your professional career choices, consider employment in a professional public accounting firm. It is an excellent venue to become exposed to all areas of assurance, accounting and taxation.

Newly certified CGAs, with the appropriate practical experience, are in demand for senior positions in public accounting firms. As a CGA with public accounting experience, you are in an optimal position to consider partnership opportunities or to commence a practice on your own. As a principal in a public accounting firm, you are a CGA professional, an entrepreneur and a provider of key services to the public. If you enjoy working with people and have an entrepreneurial spirit, public practice may be the career choice for you.

Regardless of what order you choose, here are your building blocks to begin a career in public practice.



-  Work in public practice
-  Become a partner or owner in a firm
-  Program may apply
-  Additional support

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Explore Your Options in Public Practice

A career in public practice is an excellent career choice. The demand for qualified professionals is high. While practice is demanding, it can be a rewarding business choice by providing flexibility along with financial rewards.

Outline your practice goals. Prepare your personal plan. Work towards your dream.

Is a career in public practice for you?

Attend a Public Practice Information Session

Discuss with an Association Public Practice Advisor

Develop your competencies

Financial Accounting and Reporting

Assurance and Related Services

Taxation

Professionalism

Seek employment in a professional public accounting firm

Gain experience under the supervision of a designated professional

Educational Requirements

Advanced Personal & Corporate Taxation (TX2)

Advanced External Auditing (AU2)

Practical Experience

Meet the competencies and hours required to register *

Track hours through various practice activities

Undergo the Public Practice Qualification Assessment Process (PPQAP)

Off-The-Job Training

Starting Your Own CGA Practice

Practice Administration Issues

Compilation and Review Engagements

Handbook Refresher (includes GAAP & GAAS Update for Practitioners)

Audit Engagements

* Mentor Program

Individuals who do not meet the practical experience requirements participate in the Mentor Program

Association Support

Facilitate networking opportunities

Provide guidance on your career path

Advice on building a practice, partnerships and succession

Registration for Public Practice

Achieve CGA certification

Maintain professional liability insurance

Maintain subscriptions

Participate in regular practice reviews

Create your plan today!

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