

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objective of this program is to expose the student to the most relevant aspects of business management and administration, while providing the student with the tools required for a career in business. This program also gives the student “hands-on” training in the key areas of financial accounting, business application software, and in the implementation and operation of a computerized accounting system. Practical, rather than the theoretical, is stressed. The successful graduate will have the necessary skills to keep a set of books, both manually and on a computerized system.

CERTIFICATES

Certificate of supervisory management from the Canadian Institute of Management (CIM). Application to CIM required.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Careers in finance, banking, marketing, personnel, accounting, and general management are available to those successful graduates who have the right combination of proper academic skills, personal drive, and dedication.

PREREQUISITES

1. Student has Grade 12 or equivalent or meets criteria for Mature Student Status.
2. Mature students must be 19 years of age, pass a qualifying test, and provide a Letter of Intent OR resume that supports their skills and aptitudes to be successful in the program.
3. The approved qualifying test for this program is the Wonderlic test. A passing score for this program is 14.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student must obtain an overall grade, in each module of at least 70% in order to graduate and receive a diploma. A student must complete all requirements of Student Success Strategies as well as the Field Placement requirements.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

| Course | Hours |
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| Student Success Strategies | 20 |
| Digital Literacy for Professionals | 40 |
| Software Lab: Word Processing | 40 |
| Software Lab: Spreadsheets | 40 |
| Software Lab: Presentations | 40 |
| Software Lab: Database Management | 40 |
| Economics | 80 |
| Introduction to Marketing | 40 |
| Digital Marketing Foundations | 40 |
| Finance | 20 |
| Internal Control | 40 |
| Human Resources | 80 |
| Business Law | 80 |
| Bookkeeping Level I and II | 80 |
| Intermediate and Management Accounting | 80 |
| Computerized Accounting with Sage 50 | 80 |
| Computerized Accounting with Sage 300 | 60 |
| Business Math | 40 |
| Business English | 40 |
| Image Development | 20 |
| Career Planning and Preparation Level I | 20 |
| Career Planning and Preparation Level II | 20 |
| Field Placement | 8 Weeks |
| TOTAL WEEKS | 60 |

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Student Success Strategies

In this orientation module, emphasis is placed on thinking about achieving success from Day One. This module stresses the importance of developing non-technical skills to enhance personal, academic, and career success. This includes understanding learning styles and honing practical study skills, such as memory, reading, note-and test-taking techniques. Personal exercises will focus on teamwork, decision making and problem-solving skills, setting SMART goals and maintaining a positive attitude; techniques for managing change, stress and conflict will also be explored.

Digital Literacy for Professionals

This course introduces students to the fundamental concepts and principles of learning and working in a digital environment. This course will cover the following elements: using devices and handling information, creating, and editing information, communicating, and collaborating, and being safe and responsible online.

Software Lab: Word Processing

This software lab module consists of online training and assessment in Microsoft Word and builds on the skills introduced in Computer Fundamentals. Students learn a comprehensive set of skills, with coverage including formatting text for layout and appearance, formatting document sections, using styles, working with header/footer content, inserting and formatting tables, graphics, and pictures, working with templates and themes, using advanced editing features, and working with mailing tools.

Software Lab: Spreadsheets

This software lab module consists of online training and assessment in Microsoft Excel. Students learn a comprehensive set of skills, with coverage including creating, formatting, and printing worksheets, creating simple and advanced formulas, using mathematical, logical, statistical and financial functions, creating and modifying charts and pivot tables, and using data tools.

Software Lab: Presentations

This software lab module consists of online training and assessment in Microsoft PowerPoint. Students learn a comprehensive set of skills centered around the creation of attractive, professional-looking presentations. Students learn how to effectively use and format animations, transitions, pictures, audio, video, charts and tables, as well incorporate speaker notes and annotations into their presentations.

Software Lab: Database Management

This software lab module consists of online training and assessment in Microsoft Access. Students learn a comprehensive set of skills, including creating and modifying database tables, defining table relationships, sorting data, creating simple and advanced queries, creating and formatting forms and reports, and creating and running macros.

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Economics

This module provides an overview of economics and its application to real life issues. It covers topics like Government in Canada, efficiency, supply and demand, production functions and costs in the long and short run, inflation, unemployment, and government policies that are relevant to personal and business decisions. Economic concepts studied include the operation of a free market, interest rates, gross domestic product, elasticity of demand, the impact of government intervention, national income determination, including injections and leakages, the expenditure multiplier, stabilization and monetary policies, interest rates and role of the bank rate. Other areas of study include Canadian chartered banks and financial institutions, Canadian government and politics, international economics, including trade theory and trading blocks, types of competition i.e.: imperfect competition, monopolies, oligopolies and cartels, and production costs and functions.

Introduction to Marketing

In this course students will learn and understand the importance, impact and role of marketing and marketing activities, and the internal and external factors that will impact a marketing plan. Students will learn how to effectively plan marketing activities strategically, based on conducting marketing research. Students will learn how to identify target customers and their needs.

Digital Marketing Foundations

This course will give students a solid foundation in the strategic, tactical and creative essentials of Digital Marketing. Students will be introduced to many core concepts related to marketing communications, learn the fundamentals of digital marketing and how it's different from traditional marketing, as well as introductions to budgeting and its considerations. Students will have the opportunity to creating a brand style guide, and an analytics dashboard.

Finance

This course will introduce students to financial decision making for students with no previous exposure to finance principles. Topics covered will enable students to master the language and concepts to succeed in an accounting or business environment with an emphasis on budgeting and obtaining business financing.

Internal Control

The importance of the accounting cycle and of internal control procedures is highlighted with a major hands-on project. The project, a realistic business simulation, takes the student through the steps of the accounting process from the origin of transactions through to the preparation of financial statements. Emphasis is on the use of documentation and detailed recording and summarizing of events. Students will understand and visualize the entire accounting process.

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Business Administration

Human Resources

Employees are the most valuable asset of a business and all aspects from hiring to performance appraisal are examined utilizing the case study approach. Areas discussed include job analysis and job specifications, legislation affecting employees, job descriptions and standards of performance, training and development, performance appraisal, compensation and benefits, health and safety, disciplinary practices and dispute resolution procedures as well as bargaining with unions on pay and working conditions.

Business Law

An introduction to Canadian business law is provided through a blended lecture and a case study approach. Emphasis is on the application of the law to practical business situations. Topics for discussion include the Canadian legal system, torts affecting property, torts affecting a person, unintentional negligence, the formation of contracts, factors affecting the contractual relationship, and factors that end the contractual relationship. Other topics include the sale of goods and consumer protection, statutes concerning securing debt, and bankruptcy, agency, partnership, and incorporation, regulations pertaining to personal and real property, and legislation regarding copyright, patents, trade-marks, and industrial design.

Bookkeeping Level I and II

Emphasis is placed on analyzing and recording business transactions using the rules of double-entry bookkeeping. Adjusting journal entries are recorded and basic financial statements prepared. Preparation and posting of journal entries for a merchandising business are examined, coupled with preparation of cost of goods sold, cash and trade discounts, closing entries, and the use of special journals and subsidiary ledgers. Students will learn fundamental accounting principles, understand the classification of assets, liabilities, equities, utilize the double-entry system and a general ledger chart of accounts, post entries to those accounts, and prepare trial balances and the three financial statements. The complete accounting cycle is examined through closing entries, worksheets and the post-closing trial balance.

Intermediate and Management Accounting

Focusing on internal business processes, this module examines the different methods of depreciation (amortization), accounting for asset disposal, revision of depreciation along with departmental/responsibility accounting and job order cost accounting. Additionally, bank reconciliations, cash control, temporary investments and the monitoring of accounts receivable are examined, as well as accounting for cost of goods sold, techniques for inventory control, along with payroll accounting procedures.

Computerized Accounting with Sage 50

Accounting procedures in a small business style computerized environment are examined using the general, payables, receivables payroll, inventory and project modules of Sage 50. Students practice complete setup procedures including general ledger, accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, inventory and job cost setup, and record a wide variety of business transactions using Sage 50. Period end procedures, financial statement design, graphing and reports, and multi-currency situations are also explored.

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Business Administration

Computerized Accounting with Sage 300

In this course, students will learn to set up banking and taxes service modules in Sage 300. Students will also learn to set up vendor and customer records and process transactions in the accounts payable and accounts receivable modules of Sage 300.

Business Math

This module provides the students with an understanding of arithmetic, mathematics, and measurements used in common business and industry environments. At the end of the module the student will be able to define whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages; become familiar with equations and formulae; and learn the use of graphs.

Business English

In this course, you will develop professional communication skills in a business setting using MS Office including Word and Outlook. You will apply proper grammar to create and review appropriate business documents such as emails, memos, letters, reports, text messages, and social media posts for company websites, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook. You will practice grammar, spelling, and error correction while developing clear and concise writing skills. You will rewrite and edit professional documents while demonstrating spelling accuracy, proper capitalization, and punctuation. You will recognize and correct commonly misspelled words. Furthermore, you will explore sentence elements such as modifiers, connectors, and sequencers to write brief and jargon-free business messages. You will distinguish active and passive voice to write effective sentences. You will also review and incorporate inclusive language to avoid biases and discrimination. Using a range of grammatical structures, you will adopt and follow modern business communication standards.

Image Development

This module teaches the student how to develop and manage a professional image. Topics include: appearance-visual and verbal, interpersonal interaction, business etiquette, and networking skills. At the end of the module, students will have an appreciation and understanding of the importance of a professional image in the business environment.

Career Planning and Preparation Level I

This module introduces tools for planning and preparing for a successful job search, so that students can maintain a career-focused approach throughout their education program. Students will learn about the "Hidden" Job Market and ways to access it in their upcoming job search, how to research opportunities and network for industry contacts, and use appropriate etiquette when communicating with prospective employers. Students will identify their personal skills, values and preferences for the workplace, begin preparation of a professional resume and references, and organize proof documents for their career portfolio. Class discussions on various self-management topics introduced in Student Success Strategies will round out this module, which is a pre-requisite for Career Planning and Preparation - Level II.

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Career Planning and Preparation Level II

This module continues to build on the concepts and skills introduced in Career Planning and Preparation - Level I. Students will learn how to conduct an effective job search and identify various methods of applying for work with today's technology. Students will create a personal list of "Top Employers" and target current industry opportunities, while finalizing their professional resume, portfolio and career correspondence. Students will learn to identify the different types and forms of interviews, practice responding to typical questions, and practice follow-up, evaluation and negotiation techniques they can use to ensure success. Self-management topics from Career Planning and Preparation - Level I will be reviewed, with a focus towards on-the-job success in both learner placements and post-graduate employment.

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