



Choosing your discipline section

When CPA Evolution takes effect in January 2024, new CPA Exam candidates will need to select one discipline exam section in addition to the three sections required for all CPA candidates: AUD, FAR, and REG. Choosing an area of specialization allows you to play to your strengths and interests and have a deeper level of knowledge and skills in the area. Specializing is needed now and in the future; and sets you up nicely for career growth and advancement.

Select a Discipline below based on your career interests and personal strengths. Choosing your discipline now simply means having a specialty area to guide you when you start your career, it does not mean you cannot change it later on.

Discipline

Skills/Expertise

Job Opportunities



Information Systems and Controls (ISC)

- + Business processes
- + Information systems
- + Information security
- + IT audits
- + SOC engagements

- + Data manager
- + Data engineer/scientist
- + CIO or CTO
- + IT auditor



Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP)

- Advanced individual tax compliance
- + Personal financial planning
- Advanced entity tax compliance/planning
- + Property transactions

- + Tax Analyst
- + Tax Compliance Officer
- Work for the tax department within a company, a public accounting firm, the government, banks, or hedge funds
- + Manage your own tax practice



Business Analysis and Reporting (BAR)

- Data analytics
- + Financial risk management/planning
- + Technical accounting and reporting
- State and local government accounting
- + Auditor at a public accounting firm
- Work in the accounting department at a corporation
- + Controller
- + Chief accountant
- + CFO or CEO



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