

Meet one of our newest CPAs!

“There are very few designations that will open as many doors as a CPA. Accountants are useful in every industry, anywhere you can go.”

Growing up in the family business, Matthew McKearney marvelled at how well his father knew his numbers.

His father’s understanding of costs and margins helped A-1 Vacuum in Charlottetown attract customers and bid against larger competitors. It also helped inspire Matthew’s interest in accounting.



Matthew McKearney, CPA

After he completed his Bachelor of Science in Psychology at UPEI in 2014, Matthew saw the CPA as a way to further his interests in problem-solving and entrepreneurship.

He began the program in 2016 and also started building financial experience outside of the family business. He worked as a Staff Accountant at Fitzpatrick & Company— learning and applying knowledge in areas ranging from financial statements to tax returns and advisory services — and as a Financial Advisor at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

In 2020, he became a Tax Compliance and Revenue Management Auditor with the Province of PEI, where he now helps enforce provincial tax agreements with businesses. Completing his CPA (2021) gives him integral skills in auditing, understanding tax legislation, and analyzing data.

Matthew enjoys his current role, as well as playing sports, reading, and investing.

He hopes to someday own his own business, using the analytical and problem-solving skills from his CPA to follow his father’s example.

