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THERE is a huge demand for professional accountants in our developing nation. The skills gained from a professional qualification help develop versatile and adaptable professionals who have the capabilities to lead in various capacities, evidenced by the number of CEOs who are professional accountants by trade.

Though rewarding, the path to achieving a professional qualification is daunting.

That is why it is so important to choose a professional programme that checks all the boxes. It has to be prestigious, develop well-rounded professionals who possess critical thinking and application skills, have a strong passing rate and provide flexibility in how it is undertaken without compromising on quality of learning outcomes.

A unique collaboration between the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) and



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Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) since 2009, the MICPA-CAANZ is a joint programme that admits its graduates into both bodies through one set of common examinations.

Graduates would then be able to use the professional titles from both bodies – Certified Public Accountant



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(Malaysia) and Chartered Accountant (Australia and New Zealand). They also gain access to the Global Accounting Alliance that provides membership support from 10 premier accounting bodies across 11 countries.

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All three candidates agree that they have no regrets taking up the MICPA-CAANZ programme and highly recommend it to anyone keen to become a well-rounded professional accountant with a global career.

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"Experience is a key advantage as a professional employee. Professional industry training and concurrent study made me a competent professional who can think analytically and apply theoretical knowledge to real life," she adds.

Karnenderan Radha Krishnan is a graduate of Curtin University, Australia, who completed the programme within two years and is now working with PwC Singapore. He was the Gold Medal winner for Capstone in 2016.

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Accounting undergraduates are often encouraged, if not persuaded to pursue a professional accounting qualification upon completing their degree. First off, there is a huge demand for professional accountants in our developing nation – opportunities abound. Secondly, there is a vast range of careers available to professionals in the areas of public practice, commerce and industry, as well as entrepreneurship. The skills gained from a professional qualification develops versatile and adaptable professionals who have the capabilities to lead in various capacities, evidenced by the number of CEOs who are professional accountants by background.

Though rewarding, the path to achieving a professional qualification is daunting and often deters many from going the extra distance. That's why it's so important to choose a professional programme that checks all the boxes – prestigious, develops well-rounded professionals who possess critical thinking and application skills, strong passing rate, and provides flexibility in how the programme is undertaken, without compromising on the quality of how learning outcomes are achieved.

Many professional accountants have chosen the MICPA-CAANZ Programme route with good reason. A unique collaboration since 2009 between The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ), it is a joint Programme that admits its graduates into both bodies through 1 set of common exams, who would then be able to use 2 titles - *Certified Public Accountant (Malaysia)* and *Chartered Accountant (ANZ)*. Graduates also gain access to the Global Accounting Alliance (GAA) which provides membership support from 10 premier accounting bodies across 11 countries worldwide.

Ammar Fahmi b Tajudin is a graduate from the International Islamic University of Malaysia. He is currently pursuing his fifth and final module of the MICPA-CAANZ Programme, whilst obtaining the required 3 years practical experience with BDO Malaysia. As an Audit Senior Associate, it hasn't been easy studying part time, but passion in the field, perseverance and hard work has helped him succeed. He shares, "As the Programme is based on real life business scenarios, whatever I learn can be applied in my work and vice versa. This has naturally helped me cope with my work and study, and still allows me the time to do what I want to do. I chose MICPA-CAANZ because of what it offers to candidates - the dual membership, access to the GAA and the well-rounded Programme structure which promotes and enhances a candidate's problem-solving and analytical thinking skills."

Ivy Chuah, a graduate of University of Queensland, Australia is an Audit Senior in Deloitte Malaysia and completed the MICPA-CAANZ Programme within 3 years. She was recently named the Gold Medal winner for achieving the top score in Malaysia for Capstone - the final module in the Programme. She attributes her excellent performance to strong time management and prioritising skills. "Plan ahead and continuously set achievable goals within shorter timeframes," she advises. "This has motivated me to keep going during the toughest periods. Experience is a key advantage as a professional employee - applying my practical knowledge during study and the exam have helped me better understand and improve my learning outcome. Support from my team and employer is essential as well, as long as I keep them informed on my work and study schedule." She found that the whole experience has helped her obtain deeper insights into how theory comes alive in practice. "Professional industry training and concurrent study developed me into a competent professional who can think analytically and apply theoretical knowledge in real life," she adds.

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professional programme that caters to the Malaysian market, is globally-recognised, and meets the high international standards required as a professional. He shares, “The MICPA-CAANZ Programme curriculum is very practical and requires you to think of solutions in the shoes of a professional accountant.” On his success in the Programme, he relates, “The key is to have the right mind set, be focused and disciplined. As I did not attend any classes, I made it a point whenever I got home after a long day at work, to spend some time studying, even if it is just for 30 minutes. Practicing on past year exam papers really helped. The exams are open book – it is not necessary to memorise, but you need to be prepared and ensure you have understood the material well.”

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2 QUALIFICATIONS (CPA(M) & CA(ANZ))
3 AWARDED BY COUNTRIES

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- + Open book exams
- + Dual Membership
- + 70% average pass rate
- + Recognition by employers
- + Enhances candidates' application skills
- + Global Accounting Alliance (GAA) Passport

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