



CGA MAKES USE OF LATEST TECHNOLOGY

Becoming a certified general accountant (CGA) puts you on the fast track to building an exciting career with strong earning potential. Now the program is addressing the needs of busy, working individuals through online instruction.

Lorraine Cipparrone is a CGA and online instructor with the program. She says the CGA training still offers live lectures, but is moving towards a completely online format. "This way everybody, no matter where they are, they can learn."

In order to make it easier for working students, the CGA program makes use of the latest Internet technology.

"A lot of students are finding that with this busy environment that we're in, between working and family and paying student loans, they don't have time to attend a classroom," Cipparrone says.

Each of the CGA lectures are recorded and made available online. If you are unable to attend the live lecture, you can listen to it at your leisure.

"It's great for students who have English as a second language because even if they were attending live and they don't catch

something, they don't feel out of place," Cipparrone says. "They just go back and listen to it over and over again until they understand the material, so they like that."

Throughout the semester, students make use of an online discussion board with quick access to instructors. "So if they have any questions, they can post a question, I get the message right away and I can go online and I can address their concerns immediately."

The student clientele for the CGA is quite broad, says Cipparrone. "We have students that have just left the college program, students that just left university, immigrants from out of country, whether they're accountants in their previous countries or not, and anybody in the workforce. It's a very wide range of students, and a very large age range, too."

You can also take your degree along with the CGA.

"We have actual agreements with universities such as Laurentian, so once you're in the CGA program, you would take a few extra courses and actually earn a degree along with your designation."