

# CPA Profile

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**Qualifications:** CPA



### Why did you decide to start out in a career in accountancy?

During my college years, I was introduced to accountancy and was very privileged to have some incredible lecturers who were passionate about the subject. I was also amazed by how broad the accountancy profession is and the practical applications in shaping a client business and unlocking their potential to grow.

### Why did you choose CPA Ireland as your qualification route?

I was introduced to CPA Ireland during my time in DIT. CPA Ireland gave me the opportunity to continue my studies including my master's whilst working in an accountancy practice part time.

### Please provide a brief history of your career.

I graduated with a BSc in Accounting and Finance. I then began to work in a great practice, John McCarrick & Associates part time while I continued my master's in applied accounting and my CPA Ireland qualification. Recently, I completed the CPA Diploma in Forensic Accounting, a subject and course that I found very interesting and a great addition to my CPA qualification.

I consider myself very privileged to have been in a position to complete my studies while gaining practical experience and exposure in accounting, taxation and forensic accounting.

I qualified in 2021 and continued to work in practice and be mentored by John McCarrick whose knowledge and leadership shaped my career as well as giving me the confidence to succeed in the profession.

I am now looking forward to starting a new role as a senior accountant with Xeinadin, a business advisory and accountancy group.

It is always a pleasure to work alongside like-minded individuals with shared values.

### What one word describes what your CPA qualification has given you?

Opportunities.

### What has been your biggest career achievement?

Being a qualified accountant there are always going to be many victories during your career.

Recently I was appointed Chairman of the Leinster CPA Society. I am very grateful and deeply moved by being accorded the position along with the opportunity to serve CPA Ireland and my fellow members.

### What or who inspires you most in business?

I am inspired by being in a position where I can help solve client problems. As accountants we have the knowledge and skillset to be able to positively impact a clients' potential to succeed. I take pride in being the person a client calls to solve a problem on their behalf and then being able to maintain a positive, lasting business relationship with them.

### What advice would you give to those recently qualified or currently studying for their CPA qualification?

During my time in college one of my lecturers told me that "during your career people are going to be good at things that you're not so good at

and you're going to be good at things others aren't good at". I have a much better understanding of what he meant now.

My advice to a trainee or newly qualified accountant would be to always lean toward your best qualities and not compare yourself to your colleagues but rather learn from them.

Working collaboratively with people who possess different strengths, is what contributes to a fulfilling career.

### How do you unwind?

Sport and exercise have always played an important role in my life. Whether it is a morning gym session before work or playing golf with a few friends on the weekend, I try to keep myself active to unwind after a long day or week.

I have always been a creature of habit so recently I have made it a goal to try something different every so often whether that being a new sport, restaurant or even holiday destination. The excitement of trying something new is always a great way for me to unwind.

### What traits do you admire in others?

I admire working with intelligent and dedicated colleagues who are driven to succeed. I am very fortunate to have been able to collaborate with people who possess different skillsets and talents. When I come across someone who has in-depth knowledge on a subject and knows how to put it into practice, it is very difficult for me not to admire them.