

Profile: Alisha S., Oct. 25 2022, Described Transcript

[Graphic introduction: "A Conversation with Alumna Alisha S." with the image of female figure, Alisha while music plays]

Graphic [00:00:10] Tell us about your career.

[Starts with the video clip of Alisha wearing the black jacket and turquoise blouse]

Alisha [00:00:11] I am a senior auditor at the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario. I assist with the audits of the financial statements for the whole province, as well as the Crown corporations and agencies in Ontario.

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Graphic [00:00:26] What excites you about this field?

[Alisha talks about her passionate field of work]

Alisha [00:00:26] What I love about auditing is it's always a new opportunity and there's always new challenges that come up. In the past five years, when I worked at Deloitte as also at the Office of the Auditor General, I learned so many new things about all the different clients that I worked out from securities commissions to funds to asset management firms to even casinos. Every day it's something different. And what that's something I really enjoy.

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Graphic [00:00:53] What program did you study?

[Alisha talks about her studies in Business Administration program]

Alisha [00:00:53] I studied the Bachelor of Business Administration program at the University of Guelph-Humber with an Emphasis in Accounting. I found the program really prepared me for my graduate studies as well as my CPA designation. The program gave me such strong technical knowledge within accounting, but also practical skills that I could apply in the real world, such as strong presentation skills, communication skills, teamwork skills, and all of that allows me to be a successful CPA.

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Graphic [00:01:25] Why did you choose the University of Guelph-Humber?

[Alisha explains her reasons about her decision for choosing this university]

Alisha [00:01:25] I chose the University of Guelph-Humber because it provided a mix of in-class experience as well as a practical experience, allowing you to see a glimpse of the business field, whether through the internships or even to the extracurriculars, like case competitions that they offer students. In addition to that, Guelph-Humber has really small class sizes, and that allows you to have that one-to-one connection with your professors and other students as well. Whereas other universities, they have class sizes up to including hundreds of students per class. Personally, I found that a little bit intimidating and

was worried that I was I would participate as much in class and wouldn't ask as many questions as I would and would also lose that deeper connection with my professors.

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Graphic [00:02:10] Advice for future students?

[Alisha gives the advice to future students]

Alisha [00:02:10] My biggest advice for a future student is to get involved. It really sets you apart, especially in the business field and especially in accounting. When I was at the University of Guelph-Humber, I was a CPA Board Ambassador. I was the President of the Accounting Council. I competed in national international case competitions. And I believe all those experiences allowed me to develop all my soft skills, my leadership skills, my teamwork skills, my presentation skills, all these skills that are necessary when you get into the field and will allow you to pretty much progress throughout your career as well.

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