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For over 25 years, Tom Coghlan has worked at the intersection of accounting, finance, education, technology, and decision making. Based on these experiences, Tom founded CPE University with one goal - to help accounting and finance professionals operate at a high professional level by providing quality certification review courses and “cutting edge” Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programs.

Prior to founding CPE University, Tom was the Vice President of Client Services for FirstQuarter, Inc., a performance management consultancy, where he was responsible for business development and project delivery. At FirstQuarter, Tom assisted clients including Cordis (division of Johnson & Johnson), Del Monte Foods, Alcon, Analog Devices, and Stantec maximize the potential of their technology investments. Prior to joining FirstQuarter, Tom assisted DuPont Inc. with the divestment of INVISTA, a \$4 billion textile and fiber businesses, and was a Manager for CIBER Inc., an IT consulting firm, where his clients included The Vanguard Group, Delaware Investments, ARAMARK, Fiserv and Reuters.

Prior to starting his consulting career, Tom was the CFO and Director of Information Technology for a \$250 million business group of Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI), and the Controller for Leeds and Northrup's operations in the United States.

Tom is the Associate Director of the Center for Business Analytics at the Villanova University School of Business, where he also teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in accounting and analytics. He also worked with Eastern University's School of Leadership Development to develop and deliver online and in-person accounting and finance courses, including on-site programs in Thailand and China. Tom is a frequent speaker at Continuing Professional Education seminars and conferences, and his article “Driving Down Auto Insurance Costs” was published in the January 2004 issue of Strategic Finance magazine.

Tom earned a BS degree in Business Administration from Drexel University, and a MBA from LaSalle University. Tom is a Certified Managerial Accountant (CMA), and passed the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) examination in Pennsylvania. Tom can be reached at tcoghlan@thecpeuniversity.com and at (610) 325-9162