ACCOUNTING CAREER PATHWAY – Corporate Accounting

The business or corporate accounting pathway involves maintaining the accounting records related to the daily operations of a business. Nonprofit organizations are included in this pathway. Accountants are responsible for collecting, recording, analyzing, and communicating information to interested stakeholders via financial statements and related reports. Attentiveness to the design of accounting processes and internal controls is required to ensure the accuracy/security of financial operations.

Certificate*

18-24 credits

Accounting Clerk
Accounting Technician

Associate's*

60 credits

Bookkeeper
Accounting Assistant
Audit Clerk

Helpful Certifications

Third-party certifications help document special expertise. See the following

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)[^]
- Certified Management Accountant (CMA)[^]
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certified Non-profit Accounting Professional (CNAP)

Notes:

*- Students who do not have a bachelor's degree and want to begin with the MC Accounting Certificate or potentially pursue an Associate's or Bachelor's degree at a 4-year institution should talk to an Advisor about potential transferability issues prior to enrolling. ^- A CPA or CMA designation is often preferred in certain corporate positions. The certification is often viewed an indicator of professional preparation.

Bachelor's

120-150 credits

Staff Accountant
Accounting Manager
Subsidiary Ledger
Supervisor
Financial/Budget
Analyst
Internal Auditor
Audit Associate
Certified Public
Accountant

Complimentary Studies

Finance, business analytics, data analytics, information systems, and cybersecurity.

Master's

36 credits

Corporate Controller
Chief Financial Officer
Finance/Treasurey
Manager
Internal Audit Head
Tax Manager
Forensic Accountant
Business Analyst

Career Transitions

Business/Data Analytics
Professional
Operations Research
Analyst
Management Consultant
Financial Advisor
Educator

(opportunities in other sectors: corporate, nonprofit, government)