



ACCOUNTING PATHWAY PROGRAM

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

The 10-month residential MS Accounting (MSA) program prepares you to take the CPA exam while enhancing your technical skills, improving your written and oral communication, and developing your critical thinking and leadership abilities. The 30-credit hour program provides you with the data analytics skills that accounting employers seek and prepares you for public, nonprofit, government or corporate accounting. Whether you plan to pursue a career in assurance, forensic accounting, or consulting, the flexibility of the MSA program allows you to choose your area of focus and complete 1-2 internships. Pair this with the built-in access to the Becker Fast Pass CPA prep course and you'll be well prepared to pass the CPA exam and launch your career.

PATHWAY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- To be eligible to apply, students must be admitted to the Daniels School of Business, declare Accounting as their undergraduate major, and complete at least 30 credit hours, either through coursework or Advanced Placement credits.
- To be eligible for admission, students must complete MGMT 20000 (Introductory Accounting), MGMT 20100 (Management Accounting I), and MGMT 35000 (Intermediate Accounting I) as part of their 30 credit hours.
- Successful applicants may be admitted starting in their sophomore year, and must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA to remain eligible.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

92%

PLACEMENT WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION

88%

FIRST-TIME CPA PASS RATE

100%

CPA PASS RATE WITHIN TWO YEARS OF MSA GRADUATION

- MSA student first-time CPA pass rate is 22% higher than undergraduate test takers.
- The first-time pass rate of the CPA Audit section jumps from 54% to 93% with an MSA.
- MSA students have access to the Becker Fast Pass CPA prep course and materials.
- Compared to those with only a bachelor's degree, MSA graduates are poised to capitalize on accelerated promotion opportunities and an estimated \$1.5 million increased lifetime earning potential, when combined with a CPA license.
- Flexible curriculum for students with two tracks: a CPA focus for public and corporate accounting and a CPA/CMA track designed for specialized corporate accounting.
- Customized plan of study which emphasizes advanced accounting electives, Excel skills, research opportunities, professional and ethical standards, communication, and leadership.
- Active alumni network around the world that includes distinguished alumni such as Beth Brooke, CPA and former Global Vice Chair at Ernst & Young (Forbes List of 100 Most Powerful Women).

MORE INFORMATION

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MASTER'S PROGRAMS

ACCOUNTING PATHWAY PROGRAM

CURRICULUM

30 total required credits

CORE COURSES

- Advanced Auditing & Auditing Analytics
- Business Law for Accountants
- Communication for Accountants

MSA ELECTIVES

- Accounting Consulting for Entrepreneurs
- Accounting Data Analytics
- Accounting Ethics
- Accounting Scandals
- Advanced Taxation
- Advanced International Accounting
- Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
- Government and Nonprofit Accounting
- Private Equity Accounting
- Practicum in Taxation
- Public Company Reporting and Regulation
- Valuation and Financial Statement Analysis

GENERAL BUSINESS ELECTIVES

- Data Mining
- Leadership
- Logistics
- Management of Organization Data
- Options and Futures
- Portfolio Management
- Spreadsheet Modeling
- Predictive Analytics
- Project Management
- Financial Management
- Financial Modeling

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Washington Campus - Accounting and Public Policy Trip
- London - Advanced International Accounting

For more information and course descriptions visit business.purdue.edu/masters/ms-accounting

**GMAT waivers are available to qualified applicants.*

PLACEMENT PROFILE

Class of 2022

EMPLOYMENT

92% Employment Rate

AVERAGE SALARY

\$59,889

TOP EMPLOYERS

Deloitte
EY
Moss Adams
PepsiCo
Plante Moran
PwC
RSM
Textron
Tritech Software

TOP POSITIONS

Accounting Auditor
Financial Accountant
Professional Service Accountant
Professional Service Auditor

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The material I learned in class directly correlated to my CPA exam study materials. I got the knowledge and confidence I needed to pass the CPA. The courses gave me deeper insight into the accounting profession and prepared me for the workforce.

RACHEL CAMARGO, MS ACCOUNTING '22