# Master of Science in Accounting

This 10-month MS Accounting (MSA) program prepares you to take the CPA exam while enhancing your technical skills, improving your written and oral communication skills, and developing your critical thinking and leadership skills. Additionally, the program provides you with the data analytics skills that accounting employers want. Whether you plan to pursue a career in assurance, tax, consulting or industry, the flexibility of the MSA program allows you to get the graduate-level educational experience you need to be successful. Pair this with the ability to pursue CMA certification and readiness to take the CPA exam, and you will appreciate the significant value in the program.

## Program Highlights

- 88% first-time CPA pass rate (22% higher than undergraduate test takers).
- 100% CPA pass rate within two years of MSA graduation.
- 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 that include 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).

## Degree Earned

**Master of Science**

## Length

10-month program beginning in August or January

## Format

Full time
- 2 semesters
- 30 credit hour

## Average Age

22-24

## Fees

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ACCOUNTING

**PLACEMENT PROFILE**

MS Accounting

**EMPLOYMENT**

92% Overall, 100% For Students With Permanent Work Auth.

**EMPLOYERS**

Abbott Labs
Archer Daniels Midland
BKD
Blue
Caterpillar
Citi
Crowe Horwath
Cummins
Deloitte
DOZ
Eli Lilly
EY
FBI
Finance & Accounting Svcs.
General Mills
IRS
Katz, Sapper and Miller
KPMG
Morningstar
Plante Moran
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Raytheon
RSM
United Technologies
And many more...

**CURRICULUM**

30 total required credits
15 Fall Semester credit hours
15 Spring Semester credit hours

The MS Accounting program features a flexible curriculum that encourages students to tailor their coursework to career goals. It includes a combination of required and elective courses, all while becoming CPA-exam ready. Courses include:

- Advanced Auditing and Auditing Analytics
- Business Law for Accountants
- Communications for Accountants
- Government Nonprofit Accounting
- International Accounting
- Private Equity Accounting
- Valuation and Financial Statement Analysis
- Practicum in Taxation
- Consulting for Entrepreneurship
- Forensic Accounting
- Advanced Tax Accounting
- Public Company Reporting

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"The education you get prepares you very well for the CPA exam, there are real-world experiences that are not available at other schools, and there is an abundance of resources available to help you during your time here at Purdue as well as after you leave."

RYAN BRANKIN
MS ACCOUNTING ‘18

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