

Community College of Philadelphia

Accounting

A Career You Can Count On

Do friends come to you for help in organizing or handling their finances? Do you enjoy keeping a budget or analyzing what you've spent and saved? The Accounting program can assist in transforming your talent for numbers into a career that is in high demand.

In an accounting position, you analyze, investigate, record, summarize and report financial results of organizations. Or you may provide services such as tax preparation or planning, or work as an auditor, checking the accuracy of financial bookkeeping. Since understanding finances is an important part of management, an accounting career can be a path to a powerful position in a corporation or in government.

"Practical knowledge of computers and their applications in accounting and internal auditing is a great asset for jobseekers in the accounting field."

– Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2006-07 Edition*

The Accounting program offers an associate's degree in combination with skills for employment. It provides:

- accounting fundamentals plus advanced accounting topics
- hands-on practice in manual and computerized accounting
- assignments that are similar to real-world transactions
- an excellent foundation for study toward a bachelor's degree
- a core of general education courses

Starting with the first accounting course, the use of computers is incorporated throughout the curriculum, making this program excel among regional offerings.

Career Path

Although most accountant positions today require at least a bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field, the U.S. Department of Labor's *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2006-07 Edition*, reports that "many graduates of junior colleges or business or correspondence schools ... can obtain junior accounting positions and advance to positions with more responsibilities by demonstrating their accounting skills on the job."



The *Handbook* says, "Employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations through the year 2014."

Accounting at Community College of Philadelphia

The Accounting Program

The program prepares students to seek employment or pursue further education in these areas of accounting:

- financial accounting
- managerial accounting
- cost accounting
- tax accounting
- auditing
- nonprofit accounting

Salaries

Junior accountants and auditors – \$24,677*

*Starting annual salary, Federal Government, 2005, courtesy of Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2006-07 Edition*

Graduates of the A.A.S. degree program in Accounting have extensive knowledge of computer applications, including the standard software used by professionals.

Graduates can enter the accounting field directly in positions including:

- full-charge bookkeeper
- revenue agent
- junior accountant
- accounts receivable or accounts payable clerk
- payroll clerk or payroll manager
- audit trainee

Many graduates transfer to pursue an accounting degree at a four-year college or university.

College Information

Visit the College Website at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

Academic Programs

www.ccp.edu/site/academic/

Admissions Process

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php

Transfer Agreements

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/

Financial Aid

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/

Scholarships and Awards

www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/

College Life

www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/

Directions to the College

www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

Areas of Study

This curriculum includes courses in financial accounting, managerial accounting, and intermediate and advanced accounting topics.

Admission to the College

We accept students on an open enrollment basis, meaning that applications are accepted at all times of the year. For more information, contact Alan Davis, head of the Economics and Accounting department, at **215-751-8740** or **business-technology@ccp.edu**.

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