

Graduate Certificate - Accounting

The graduate certificate in Accounting is designed to provide professional development opportunities for mid-career accounting professionals in industry, consulting, and government. This online graduate program is designed to enhance your existing accounting knowledge through better understanding of advanced accounting topics. This online certificate program also offers you the opportunity to potentially fulfill the education requirements to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam.

Neither taking this program nor sitting for and passing the CPA exam will guarantee licensure in a state. State requirements differ and students must check with their State Board of Accountancy to determine specific requirements in their state before enrolling in this program. APUS has not determined whether this course will meet any particular state's professional licensure requirements. For further professional licensure information, please see State Requirements listed on the AMU (<https://www.amu.apus.edu/academic/schools/business/certificate-ug/cpa-examination-preparation.html>) or APU (<https://www.apu.apus.edu/academic/schools/business/certificate-ug/cpa-examination-preparation.html>) program page.

This program has specific admission requirements.

Certificate Objectives

Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to apply and synthesize the functional areas of accounting to make sound business decisions.
- Access, utilize, and evaluate accounting information in business decision-making.
- Apply accounting methodology, analytical, and critical thinking skills to evaluate information, solve problems and make sound decisions.
- Develop effective communication skills in various multimedia forms.
- Demonstrate knowledge and application of prescribed accounting ethics codes and behaviors.

Programmatic Admission Requirements

You will need to provide an official transcript of your completed bachelor's or master's degree showing proof of completion of this required coursework:

- Auditing: 3 credit hours
- Cost Accounting or Managerial Accounting: 3 credit hours
- Individual Federal Taxation: 3 credit hours
- Intermediate Accounting: 6 credit hours

Pre-admission courses must be grade C or better at the undergraduate level; B or better at the graduate level.

You will be required to submit a signed statement of understanding (SOU) to enroll in this program.

Please visit our AMU (<https://www.amu.apus.edu/admissions/graduate-requirements.html>) or APU (<https://www.apu.apus.edu/admissions/graduate-requirements.html>) graduate admission page for more information on institutional admission requirements.

Need help?

If you have questions regarding a program's admission requirements, please contact an admissions representative at 877-755-2787 or info@apus.edu.

Certificate Requirements (18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
ACCT608	Financial Reporting & Analysis	3
ACCT610	Advanced Accounting	3
ACCT695	Accounting Theory and Concepts	3
Select 3 courses from the following:		9
ACCT612	International Accounting	
ACCT615	Individual Tax Research and Planning	
ACCT617	Advanced Cost Accounting	
ACCT616	Advanced Federal Taxation	
ACCT620	Forensic Accounting	
Total Semester Hours		18