



Pre-Baccalaureate Certificate

Basic Accounting Certificate

• CIP 520304 • 21 credits

Program Description

This undergraduate certificate is designed to prepare learners with accounting basics. Students will take seven introductory courses in this program to earn a certificate while simultaneously completing the prerequisites requirements.

The Certificate in Accounting - Basic was designed for individuals with entry-level industry experience and little or no undergraduate-level course work in accounting. This certificate will appeal to those who are just entering the field as well as those who want to shift their career path into accounting.

Prerequisite: Pass Math and English diagnostic exam.

Program Outcomes

Successful completion of this certificate program is designed to prepare the student to:

- Compare and contrast banking and finance from both a historical and a contemporary perspective.
- Apply basic management and mathematic concepts to solve problems and inform decisions
- Use accounting terminology to explain the process by which transactions are analyzed and transformed into financial statements.
- Examine and apply laws and regulations relating to business and accounting issues.
- Prepare budgets to assist management in decision-making.
- Analyze financial statements, including balance sheet, income statement, cash flow, and reconciliation of retained earnings statements.
- Determine whether a company's current performance trends are indicative of its future financial viability.

Basic Accounting Curriculum21 credits

This seven-course certificate includes the following three-credit courses:

- ACC 201W Accounting I
- ACC 202W Accounting II
- ACC 203W Financial Statements for Managers
- ACC 205W Managerial/Cost Accounting.
- FIN 201W Principle of Financial Services
- Electives** Choose two courses from ACC, BNK, FIN, MGM or INB

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Intermediate Accounting Certificate

• CIP 520301 • 21 credits

Program Description

This certificate is designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to identify industry trends and evaluate the impact of those trends at a corporate and industry level. It is also intended to enhance accounting proficiencies and provide students with the ability to develop corporate-level financial documents, as well as the ability to critically analyze and synthesize information found in complex accounting and financial reports. Ethical decision-making, as it relates to financial reporting, is an integral theme of this program.

The Intermediate Accounting certificate was designed for individuals with 3-5 years of experience and/or undergraduate-level course work in accounting and finance. Students will have met course prerequisites (Accounting I and Accounting II and College Algebra) prior to enrolling in this certificate. This certificate will appeal to those who want to shift their career path into accounting and finance within the financial services industry as well as those who are currently employed in the industry and require advanced skills to move into higher-level management positions.

Program Outcomes

Successful completion of this certificate program is designed to prepare the student to:

- Research, analyze, and prepare corporate level reports and financial statements according to GAAP.
- Apply accounting and finance concepts and principles to the corporate financial structure.
- Prepare reports pertaining to long-term investments, and tangible and intangible assets.
- Evaluate accounting procedures from the perspective of a financial accountant, a trust administrator, and a manager.
- Identify the expanded product line offered via financial service markets.
- Identify and apply regulatory and compliance regulations

Intermediate Accounting Curriculum21 credits

This seven-course certificate includes the following three-credit courses:

- ACC 301W Intermediate Accounting 1 (Prerequisite: ACC 202W)
- ACC 302W Intermediate Accounting 2 (Prerequisite: ACC 301W)
- ACC 303W Federal Income Tax
- ACC 206W Accounting Information Systems
- ACC 401W Advanced Accounting & Reporting
- FIN 305W Corporate Finance
- FIN 401W Investment Management

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(All courses @ 3 credits except as noted.)