



ACCOUNTING

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Accounting is considered the language of business. In this increasingly complex and competitive environment, accounting skills are very much in demand and accounting has become a dynamic career with a broad range of opportunities in public accounting, government, private industry and forensic accounting, as well as finance, management, private and corporate tax preparation.

The Accounting program at College of DuPage provides fundamental and advanced level education, practice in accounting principles and the development of skill sets, in other business uses such as computers, mathematics and taxation. The certificates and occupational Accounting programs are designed for students who plan to join the workforce immediately after college as accounting clerks, bookkeepers, junior accountants, bank tellers, credit analysts, auditing clerks and tax preparers. For those considering changing careers and becoming a CPA. In addition, we offer opportunities such as the A.A. transfer degree and A.A.S. degree in Accounting, and the innovative 3+1 articulated agreement with Benedictine University.

For a complete list of courses in this program visit: cod.edu/catalog

WHY COLLEGE OF DUPAGE IS RIGHT FOR YOU

Whether you are preparing for a career in accounting, planning to transfer to a four-year baccalaureate-granting institution, or updating your skills, College of DuPage has the right program for you. We offer:

- Dedicated faculty with years of practical industry experience, certification, and licensing.
- Instruction in top-notch facilities and on cutting-edge equipment.
- Flexible schedules with day and evening classes, online learning and hybrid classes.
- Practical, hands-on experience as well as classroom-based studies.
- Affordable programs that get you on the fast track to success without breaking the bank.
- An Advisory Committee made up of practicing professionals ensures that College of DuPage's Accounting program teaches skills that are relevant and in demand by today's employers.
- An innovative transfer program that facilitates a convenient, affordable and streamlined approach to earning a baccalaureate degree.
- Certificate and degree programs designed to prepare prospective candidates to earn the coveted Certified Public Accountant (CPA) credential.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS

Students who are enrolled in the Accounting program at College of DuPage may be eligible to become members of or receive discounts on membership costs for a number of local and national associations, such as:

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
- College of DuPage Alpha Beta Gamma Honors Society
- Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)
- Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS)

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who are planning to enroll in the Accounting program at College of DuPage may be qualified to receive a financial award through a variety of supported scholarships.

- Kathy Marszalek Memorial Scholarship
- Keiser Accounting Scholarship
- State Bank of Countryside Scholarship

Visit cod.edu/scholarships for requirements and a full list of available scholarships.

Gracie Ortuoste's goal is to earn an AAS in Accounting at COD and then go for a bachelor's in Management through COD's 3+1 agreement with Benedictine University.



ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING

The A.A.S. in Accounting degree program prepares students for careers as accounting clerks, bookkeepers, junior accountants, bank tellers, credit analysts, auditing clerks and tax preparers. Students are required to complete 64-68 credits that include a minimum of 37 credits of core required classes, 15 credits in approved electives, and 12 to 15 credits in general education coursework.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (A.A.)

The A.A. transfer degree option is designed for students who wish to transfer to a four-year baccalaureate degree program from College of DuPage. This degree program provides the first two years of education and transfers successfully to most baccalaureate degree programs in Illinois with junior status. Students are required to complete 64 credits that include a minimum of 37 credits of core required classes, and 27 credits in general electives. Please meet with a faculty advisor, program advisor or an Accounting program-designated counselor to determine appropriate course selection.

CERTIFICATES IN ACCOUNTING

The Accounting program at College of DuPage provides fundamental and advanced education and practice in accounting principles. The certificate programs are designed for students who plan to join the workforce immediately after college as accounting clerks, bookkeepers, junior accountants, credit analysts, auditing clerks, payroll specialists and tax preparers, or students who have already earned a baccalaureate degree preparing to sit for the CPA examination.

The Accounting Bookkeeping Certificate and **Paraprofessional Accountant Certificate** target the skills needed to be competitive in accounting positions. They are designed to provide entry-level accounting content in critical areas including recording, managing and reporting business transactions, QuickBooks accounting software set up, as well as a comprehensive examination of payroll accounting. Students may also develop skills in income tax preparation and cost accounting, which will add to their employment opportunities.



The Advanced Accounting Certificate and Business Environment and Concepts Certificate are designed for CPA Examination candidates who have already earned a baccalaureate degree. The Advanced Accounting certificate requires a minimum of 30 credit hours in accounting course work, which provides students with additional college credit beyond the baccalaureate degree needed to sit for the CPA exam. Students who have earned a baccalaureate degree in a discipline other than business would also want to complete the Business Environment and Concepts Certificate to earn the 24 credits hours in business required to sit for the CPA exam.

Please contact a faculty advisor, program advisor or an Accounting program-designated counselor for more information about these certificates.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that the median yearly wage for accountants and auditors was \$69,350 in 2017, with top earners bringing in more than \$122,220. Employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow by 7 percent from 2016 to 2026. Recently, corporate scandals and financial crises have led to an increased focus on accounting. Stricter laws and regulations in the financial sector are expected to increase demand for accounting services as institutions seek to comply with emerging rules and standards. For more information and employment statistics in accounting and accounting-related careers, visit www.bls.gov.

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

College of DuPage and Benedictine University 3+1 Bachelor of Arts in Management

College of DuPage has partnered with Benedictine University to offer a convenient, affordable and streamlined approach to earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management. This program is available to students who are earning an A.A.S. degree in Accounting. The program consists of 129 credit hours, including 90 credit hours of College of DuPage coursework, and 39 credit hours of Benedictine University coursework. The final Benedictine University credit hours are offered at a significantly reduced rate and delivered in accelerated and blended formats. All classes are held at the College of DuPage Glen Ellyn Campus.

Illinois Articulation Initiative

The Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) facilitates the transfer of students from one Illinois institution to another. Both a general education core curriculum and a lower-division major recommendation course listing have been developed.

For more information on transfer opportunities at College of DuPage, visit cod.edu/academics/transfer_programs

COMMON CAREERS FOR GRADUATES OF THE ACCOUNTING PROGRAM:

- **Accountants/Auditors:** Prepare and examine financial reports and assess financial operations to help ensure efficiency.
- **Billing and Posting Clerks:** Administer accounting, billing, statistical and other numerical data for billing purposes.
- **Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks:** Produce financial records for organizations such as recording financial transactions, updating statements, and checking financial records for accuracy.
- **Brokerage Clerks:** Perform duties related to securities such as stocks, bonds, commodities, and other kinds of investments.
- **Financial Examiners:** Ensure compliance with laws governing financial institutions and transactions. Review balance sheets, evaluate the risk level of loans, and assess bank management.
- **Gaming Cage Workers:** Conduct financial transactions for patrons, count funds, and reconcile daily summaries of transactions to balance books in a gaming establishment.
- **Statistical Assistants:** Compile and compute data for use in statistical studies.
- **Tax Preparers:** Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses.



GETTING STARTED

If you are considering this program as an area of study:

- Visit our website at cod.edu/programs/accounting
- Consult with a faculty advisor, program advisor, or program specialist:

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