

Program Goals and Objectives

The Professional Accounting Certificate of Achievement is for students working toward a career in accountancy. Mastery of this curriculum will help students lay the groundwork for becoming a Certified Public Accountant. The Professional Accounting education also helps students understand basic accounting functions, financial statement preparation and interpretation, and the role and contribution of accounting in an organization.

The courses are stacked and latticed to streamline student educational paths to their career objective. Each class broadens and deepens knowledge in focused topic areas, and interconnects to help students achieve their educational and career goals.



ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT
ACCOUNTING CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Accounting Major Courses (42.0 units):

| | Units |
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| • ACCT 101 Fundamentals of Accounting I | 3.5 □ |
| • ACCT 102 Fundamentals of Accounting II | 3.5 □ |
| • ACCT 131 Computerized Accounting - IBM | 3.0 □ |
| • ACCT 133 Spreadsheet Accounting I..... | 3.0 □ |
| • ACCT 201 Intermediate Accounting I..... | 3.5 □ |
| • ACCT 202 Intermediate Accounting II..... | 3.5 □ |
| • ACCT 220 Accounting Ethics | 4.0 □ |
| • ACCT 240 Cost Accounting | 3.5 □ |
| • ACCT 250 Income Tax Accounting..... | 3.0 □ |
| OR ACCT 130 Payroll Tax Accounting | (3.0) □ |
| • ACCT 260 Governmental and Not-For-Profit Accounting | 4.0 □ |
| • ACCT 270 Fundamentals of Auditing | 3.0 □ |
| OR ACCT 280 Advanced Accounting..... | (3.0) □ |
| • FIN 51 Retirement Planning and Investing | 1.5 □ |
| • FIN 125 Personal Finance..... | 3.0 □ |
| OR FIN125 M Personal Finance | (3.0) □ |
| OR ACCT 60 QuickBooks Accounting | (1.5) □ |
| AND ACCT 61 Turbo Tax Accounting | (1.5) □ |

TOTAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS: 42.0

Requirements for a Professional Accounting Certificate of Achievement:

Complete the required courses (42.0 units) listed above with a grade of "C" or higher or "Pass."

NOTE: Although many of these courses are transferable, this Certificate is nontransferable. Please see a Business Counselor or the respective department chairperson for additional alternatives.

| First Semester | | Units |
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| ACCT 100* | Introduction to Accounting | 3.0 |
| FIN 125 | Personal Finance | 3.0 |
| or FIN 125M | Personal Finance | (3.0) |
| or ACCT 60 | QuickBooks Accounting | (1.5) |
| and ACCT 61 | Turbo Tax Accounting | (1.5) |
| FIN 51 | Retirement Planning and Investing | 1.5 |

| Second Semester | | Units |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| ACCT 131 | Computerized Accounting - IBM | 3.0 |
| ACCT 133 | Spreadsheet Accounting I | 3.0 |
| ACCT 250 | Income Tax Accounting | 3.0 |
| or ACCT 130 | Payroll Tax Accounting | (3.0) |
| ACCT 101 | Fundamentals of Accounting I | 3.5 |

| Third Semester | | Units |
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| ACCT 102 | Fundamentals of Accounting II | 3.5 |
| ACCT 220 | Business Ethics | 4.0 |

| Fourth Semester | | Units |
|------------------------|--|--------------|
| ACCT 270 | Fundamentals of Auditing | 3.0 |
| or ACCT 280 | Advanced Accounting | (3.0) |
| ACCT 201 | Intermediate Accounting I | 3.5 |
| ACCT 260 | Governmental and Not-For-Profit Accounting | 4.0 |

| Fifth Semester | | Units |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| ACCT 202 | Intermediate Accounting II | 3.5 |
| ACCT 240 | Cost Accounting | 3.5 |

**ACCT 100 is the Prerequisite for ACCT 101*



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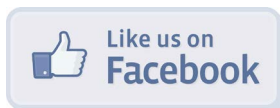
Want To Apply To Get Your Certificate?

1. Make sure you meet the requirements for the Certificate Determine which form to fill out and download the form at: www.cerritos.edu/admissions-and-records
 - Petition for Certificate: Petition to graduate with a Certificate of Achievement
2. Fill out the appropriate form and meet with a counselor
 - Make an appointment by calling (562) 860-2451, ext. 2231 or use Online Counseling at: www.cerritos.edu/counseling/online-orientation.htm.

For detailed course description, please refer to the current General Catalog: www.cerritos.edu/catalog



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