



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 CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Professional Accounting Associate of Arts Degree is for students working toward a career in accountancy. Mastery of this curriculum will help students begin to 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.

Accounting Major Courses (38.0 units):

	Units
• 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 Accounting	3.0 □
• ACCT 270 Fundamentals of Auditing	3.0 □
OR ACCT 280 Advanced Accounting.....	3.0 □
• FIN 51 Retirement Planning & Investment	1.5 □
• FIN 125 Personal Finance.....	3.0 □
OR FIN125M Personal Finance	3.0 □
OR ACCT 60 QuickBooks Accounting	1.5 □
AND ACCT 61 Turbo Tax Accounting	1.5 □

TOTAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS: 38.0

Associate in Arts Degree Requirements: Complete a minimum of 60 units, including: (1) the Accounting Core and Department requirements; (2) A.A. Degree General Education Requirements, and (3) additional elective courses as needed.

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
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 & Investment	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
ACCT 102	Fundamentals of Accountings 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

Fifth Semester		Units
ACCT 202	Intermediate Accounting I	3.5
ACCT 240	Cost Accounting	3.5

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



Interested in enrolling in Cerritos College?

Please refer to the step-by-step enrollment process: www.cerritos.edu/futurestudents

Want To Apply To Get Your Certificate?

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



11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
<https://www.cerritos.edu/accounting>



<https://www.facebook.com/CerritosCollege>