

What can I do with a degree in ACCOUNTING?

Areas of Practice	Employers	Strategies
<p>PUBLIC ACCOUNTING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditing/Assurance Services • Taxes • Environmental Accounting • Forensic/Investigative Accounting • Information Technology Services • International Accounting • Personal Financial Planning 	<p>Public Accounting Firms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large, multinational • Regional • Local <p>Private Practice</p>	<p>Public accounting firms hire candidates who meet the educational requirements for sitting for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam: 150 hours of education including 24 hours of accounting, i.e. the equivalent of an undergraduate degree in accounting.</p> <p>State laws govern the practice of accountancy and specify the requirements to be eligible to sit for the CPA exam. In most states, the State Board of Accountancy has a website that outlines those requirements.</p>
<p>CORPORATE ACCOUNTING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Management • Financial Reporting • Internal Auditing • Cost Accounting • Tax Planning • Budget Analysis 	<p>Companies of all sizes, in all industries</p>	<p>Many managers in corporate settings obtain an MBA degree after several years of work experience.</p>
<p>GOVERNMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditing • Financial Reporting • Financial Management • Budget Analysis • Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal agencies and departments including: • Federal Bureau of Investigation • Internal Revenue Service • Department of the Treasury • General Accounting Office • Office of Management and Budget • Securities Exchange Commission • State and local agencies 	<p>Become familiar with the government application process.</p>
<p>EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching • Research • Consulting 	<p>Universities and colleges</p>	<p>A Ph.D. in Accounting or a DBA, Doctorate in Business Administration, in accounting is generally required.</p> <p>Maintain a high GPA and secure strong faculty recommendations for admittance into graduate school.</p>
<p>NON-PROFIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting • Internal Audit • Financial Planning • Budgeting • Money Handling • Record Keeping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social service agencies and organizations • Hospitals • School systems, universities and colleges • Religious organizations • Libraries and museums • Political parties • Labor unions 	<p>Volunteer at non-profit organizations and build a network of contacts in the non-profit sector.</p>

GENERAL STRATEGIES FOR PLACEMENT IN ACCOUNTING:

- Earn good grades. Grades are an indicator of technical competence in accounting and of a person's work ethic.
- Actively participate in student organizations to develop leadership skills.
- Develop excellent computer skills.
- Learn to work well within in a team.
- Develop strong communication skills.
- Gain work experience and information about careers through internships.
- Join Beta Alpha Psi, the honorary fraternity for accounting and finance information professionals, to gain knowledge about the accounting profession.
- Certifications available through the Institute of Internal Auditors or the Institute of Management Accountants may increase job marketability in some areas of accounting
- Accounting students should develop their analytical, critical-thinking and problem solving skills. Develop high ethical standards.
- Accuracy and attention to detail are important traits for accountants.
- Accounting is a versatile degree. Students who graduate with a major in accounting may find jobs in many areas of business including: sales, production management, client management, product development, procurement, general management, banking and financial planning.

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