

ACCOUNTING CAREERS OVERVIEW



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TYPICAL ACCOUNTING CAREERS WITH PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS

CAREERS	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES	EDUCATION
Tax	Prepare and review federal and state tax returns for corporations and individuals, ensure tax compliance, provide clients with tax strategies.	Bachelor's Degree (and CPA ready) or Master's Degree (to become CPA ready)
Audit/Assurance	Assure that financial statements of corporations and other organizations accurately reflect their financial situation for stakeholder reliance.	
Consulting / Advisory	Help clients strategize to benefit and improve operations in areas such as technology, risk assessment, human capital, forensics, analytics, etc.	

TYPICAL ACCOUNTING CAREERS WITH COMPANIES & ORGANIZATIONS

CAREERS	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES	EDUCATION
Financial Accountant	Accumulate financial data, document financial transactions and analyze financial information for decision making in corporations and other organizations.	Bachelor's Degree and optional Master's Degree
Cost Accountant	Analyze the costs associated with providing a service or manufacturing a product to help set appropriate prices, prepare budget forecasts and make sound business decisions.	
Internal Auditor	Evaluate and improve the effectiveness of business operations, risk management, and internal control processes in companies and other organizations.	
Forensic Accountant	Analyze financial records to locate evidence of fraud and other financial crimes and assist in providing litigation support.	

ARIZONA CPA REQUIREMENTS (each state is different)

Education	150 credits including: 36 credits in accounting (of which 30 must be upper division) and 30 credits in related business courses
CPA Exam	Pass 4 sections of the CPA exam
Work Experience	2000 hours (about 1-2 years) in the accounting profession

SAMPLE OF COMPANIES WHO FREQUENTLY HIRE ACCOUNTING MAJORS

- Arizona Auditor General
- Arizona Public Service
- Bank of America
- BeachFleischman
- Capital One
- CBIZ/MHM
- City of Tucson
- Deloitte & Touche LLP
- Equity Methods
- Ernst & Young LLP
- Frank Rimerman + Co., LLP
- Goldman Sachs
- Heinfeld, Meech & Co.
- Honeywell
- Intel Corporation
- Internal Revenue Service
- KPMG LLP
- Microsoft
- Moss Adams
- National Bank of Arizona
- Pima County
- Protiviti
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- R & A CPAs
- RTX (Raytheon Technologies)
- Texas Instruments