

Accounting

What can I do with this degree?

OCCUPATIONS	EMPLOYERS	SKILLS TO DEVELOP
<u>PUBLIC ACCOUNTING</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditing/ Assurance Services Tax Environmental Accounting Forensic/ Investigative Accounting Information Technology Services International Accounting Personal Financial Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public accounting firms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large, multinational Regional Local Sole practitioners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, a typical accounting major graduates with 124 hours. • The Accountancy Board of Ohio governs the practice of accountancy and specifies the requirements to be eligible to sit for the CPA exam. Check out their web site www.acc.ohio.gov. • Participate in the accounting internship program during your senior year. The internship interviews are in the junior year but the actual experience is in January and February of your senior year.
<u>CORPORATE ACCOUNTING</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Management Financial Reporting Internal Auditing Cost Accounting Tax Planning Budget Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companies of all sizes, in all industries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many managers in corporate settings obtain an MBA degree after several years of work experience. • Participate in the accounting internship program during your senior year. The internship interviews are in the junior year but the actual experience is in January and February of your senior year.
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>		
<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become familiar with the government application process.
<u>EDUCATION</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching Research Consulting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universities and colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Ph.D. in Accounting or a DBA, Doctorate in Business Administration, in accounting is generally required. • Community Colleges may offer teaching positions with a MBA, in accounting • Maintain a high G.P.A. and secure strong faculty recommendations for admittance into graduate school.

OCCUPATIONS

EMPLOYERS

SKILLS TO DEVELOP

NON-PROFIT

Accounting
Internal Audit
Financial Planning
Budgeting
Money Handling
Record Keeping

Social service agencies and organizations
Hospitals
Public school systems
Universities and colleges
Religious organizations
Libraries and museums
Political parties
Labor unions

- Volunteer at non-profit organizations and build a network of contacts in the non-profit sector.

Strategies For Placement In Accounting

- Gain work experience and information about careers through internships.
- Participate in the accounting internship program during your senior year. The internship interviews are in the junior year but the actual experience is in January and February of your senior year.
- Obtain a part time job in the accounting field.
- 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.
- Network in student organization during first and sophomore years.
- Develop your communication skills. Develop the ability to write and speak well.
- Develop the ability to work well in teams.
- 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.

Internet Resources:

Vault: more information on the every day life of an accountant. This site is accessible through the Career Services Website: www.capital.edu/careers

Accounting: A Career without Limits: www.aicpa.org/nolimits/index.htm

From American Institute of Certified Public Accountants: designed to help you every step of the way, from the earliest stages of your college career through passing the CPA exam and conducting a job search.

Industry Profile – Accounting: www.wetfeet.com/asp/careerlist.asp

WetFeet.com guide to accounting covers Industry Trends & Overview, "Love-Hate" (pros and cons of this field), Major Players and Job Descriptions & Tips.