ACCOUNTING GLOBAL ACCESS ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE

INFORMATION SESSION

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Program Overview

- This program is provided by The College of Business Administration* and the College of Professional and Global Education.

- This program is designed to provide students the opportunity to gain the foundation in accounting skills within the realm of accounting standards and principles.

- The program comprises 8 core courses in accountancy with a total of 24 credit units that will be completed within one year.

- The program aims to create learning opportunities for students to extend their accountancy knowledge and expand their career opportunities through the focused educational program.

- Program participants will also benefit from the program in getting prepared for admission to the graduate program in accountancy at Cal Poly Pomona (CPP) or other institutions.

*The College of Business Administration (CBA) at Cal Poly Pomona (CPP) has been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), a distinction that less than 5% of the world's 13,000 business programs have earned. AACSB schools produce program graduates that are highly skilled and more desirable to employers than other non-accredited schools.

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Curriculum (24 units required courses)

Time		Courses	
First Semester	1st 8 weeks	ACC2070 (Financial Accounting)	ACC4310 (Introduction to Taxation)
	2nd 8 weeks	ACC3110 (Intermediate Accounting I)	ACC4811 (Accounting Ethics)
Second Semester	1st 8 weeks	ACC3120 (Intermediate Accounting II)	ACC3210 (Cost Accounting)
	2nd 8 weeks	ACC4810 (Auditing)	ACC4510 (Accounting Information System)

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Completion Requirement

- To obtain the certificate, participating students must earn a 2.0 GPA or above in all required courses.

Transfer Credits

- Students may transfer up to 6 credits of accounting courses towards their certificate upon obtaining the necessary approval from the Academic Advisor from the Accounting Department. The completed accounting course/s must have the equivalent or the same course content/title as the approved curriculum for the Academic Certificate Program. For the 6 transfer credits, the required grade is C or better for the course/s.

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Admission Requirements:

- Undergraduate Coursework: Completed 60 units of undergraduate coursework or junior standing
- GPA: 2.0 or higher
- Golden Four with *C-* or better
- International applicants must submit official evidence of English language proficiency:
  - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
    - Internet Test (iBT): 71
  - IELTS (International English Language Testing System): 6.0
  - Duolingo: 95

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What is the teaching schedule and the modality of the teaching? Is it online or in-person?

A: Currently, the program is designed to provide in-person lectures on Saturday.

Q: How much is the tuition?

A: The cost is $475 per semester units. There is a total of 24 semester units (or 8 courses). So, the total tuition cost is $11,400 plus fees* if you are taking all 8 courses.

   Mandatory auxiliary fees per regular semesters are about $850.

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Frequently Asked Questions – cont.

Q: Can I take the CPA exam after finishing this program?

A: Maybe, maybe not. This certificate program fulfills one of the educational requirements for CPA Licensure in California which is 24 semester units of accounting subjects. There are other requirements such as 1) 24 semester units of business-related subjects, 2) 20 semester units of accounting study, 3) 10 semester units of ethics study. In total, you will need bachelor's degree and 150 semester units to get CPA licensure in California. Therefore, if necessary, you may be interested in completing both this certificate program and MSA program provided by Cal Poly Pomona or other institutions.

Please refer to below links for further information regarding California CPA licensure.

https://www.calcpa.org/become-a-cpa/cpa-licensure/cpa-licensure-requirements/cpa-exam-requirements

https://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/applicants/tip_sheet.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions – cont.

Q: I have already gotten my bachelor's degree in business administration (or certain major other than accounting). Is this program suitable for me?

A: Yes, this certificate program helps non-accounting majored students like you pursue accounting professional career. Specifically, after completing this program, you may be qualified to take the CPA exam. If necessary to fulfill other requirements for California CPA license – please refer to https://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/applicants/tip_sheet.pdf, you may want to continue your studies at CPP master's program (MSA) or other institutions' master's programs.

Frequently Asked Questions – cont.

Q: I have already earned my bachelor's degree in accounting. Is this program suitable for me?

A: For student with a bachelor's degree in accounting, we encourage them to apply for the MSA program. The Accelerated MSA offers classes on Saturdays with an option to finish in one year. The General MSA offers classes in the evening (class starts at 5:30 PM) and sometimes on Saturdays. Usually, it takes two years for students to complete general MSA program. Please refer to this link for further information about CPP MSA program. Accelerated Master of Science in Accountancy | CalPoly Pomona (cpp.edu)

Q: Is financial aid available for this program?

A: Please refer to the Financial Aid website: https://www.cpp.edu/financial-aid/index.shtml for detailed information. There is a Virtual Drop-In advising on the website.

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Frequently Asked Questions – cont.

Q: I am an international student. What is the application requirement?

A: International applicants must submit official evidence of English language proficiency such as followings: TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) Internet Test (iBT): 71, IELTS (International English Language Testing System): 6.0, or Duolingo: 95

Q: I am an international student, but I received my bachelor's degree in U.S. Do I need to submit the evidence of English language proficiency?

A: Probably you don't need to do so. There is an English Proficiency Waiver policy from the admission office. Refer to following link for the admission requirements for international students.

https://www.cpp.edu/admissions/international/transfer.shtml

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