ACCOUNTING

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According to the Bureau of Labor Statics, Accountants and Auditors can expect the job market to grow about 10% from now until 2026, due to the continuous changes in the financial landscape. Following graduation from WCSU, one can choose to receive their CPA, which would require a passing of a national exam as well as meeting other state requirements. In most states, CPA candidates need to complete 150 semester hours of college courses to be certified. To learn more about all state requirements, please visit the American Institute of CPA’s (AICPA) exam page, or Institute of Management Accountants (CMA).

WCSU Accounting Occupational Outlook Handbook

RELATED CAREER PATHS

The career paths listed below are only a sample of the opportunities one may consider. They have been taken from the Bureau of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook and the O*Net Online. Some career paths may require additional education and training. To gain more understanding of the different career paths, take a look at Candid Career, where you can watch testimonials of people doing exactly what you might want to pursue.

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SAMPLE RÉSUMÉS

For a list of sample résumés created for Accounting Majors, please visit our online career tool, Optimal Résumé, at https://wcsu.optimalrésumé.com/. This is where you can choose a template and create résumés formatted specifically for the industry to seek. Whether you are applying directly to a person or an applicant tracking system, there are things you will need to know in order for your résumé to be recognized. We encourage students not to take any chances. Come speak with someone in our office,
Monday through Friday, anytime between 9 am to 4:30 pm, or attend one of many résumé workshops we conduct throughout the year.

**JOB SEARCH ENGINES**

Prepare for interviews, compare salaries and get company reviews with a free student account from **Glassdoor**. Simply click the link and sign up with your student email address.

- Accounting.com
- Accounting Jobs Today
- CareerBank
- Idealist.org
- IHireAccounting
- Money Jobs
- NPA Worldwide
- Robert Half

**RESEARCH RESOURCES**

- Accounting.com
- Accounting Coach
- Accounting Now
- Candid Career
- IdealistCareers.org
- World Newspapers - Magazines

**SALARY INFORMATION**

- Accountemps 2018 Accounting & Finance Salary Guide
- Career earnings provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Occupational Outlook Handbook
- Pay Scale
- U.S. News

**WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW**

Join a professional accounting society or association – See list below

Join **WCSU’s Accounting Society**

Volunteer for WCSU’s Vita Program

Volunteer for **Junior Achievement** in your community
ASSOCIATIONS

Associations are a great way for college students, recent graduates, and career changers to enhance personal and professional development, opportunities to build credibility, and many networking avenues that can’t be found anywhere else. Associations also offer drastically reduced membership rates for current students so NOW is the time to join.

American Accounting Association
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
The Institute of Internal Auditors
Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)
National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP)
Professional Association of Small Business Accountants (PASBA)
Risk Management Association (RMA)

STATE ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATIONS
For a complete list of State Accounting Associations visit AICPA.org.

STATE BOARDS OF ACCOUNTANCY
For a complete list of Boards of Accountancy visit NASBA.org.