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ACCOUNTING PROFILE

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.



Accounting Manager/Clerk	Bookkeeper
Financial Managers/Advisor	Accounting Coordinator
Stockbroker	Budget Analysts
Certified Public Accountant (CPA)	Tax Advisors
Auditors	IRS Special Agent
FBI Analyst	Tax/Fraud Examiners

RÉSUMÉ SAMPLES & HELP

For a guide, and list of sample résumés, please visit our virtual résumé tool at <https://www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/resumes/>. This is where you will find sample résumés, download our fillable résumés template, and find the cover letter & résumé checklist to ensure

you are on the right track. Whether you are applying directly to a person, or an applicant tracking system (ATS), there are things you will need to know for your résumé to be recognized by the company's database. Use the checklist we provide and always proofread for perfection. Remember, your résumés and cover letters are the first writing samples any employer will ever see from you. You need to make sure it is perfect. Don't risk it, and come visit one of our Career Peer Leaders, who can help you. We are available Monday through Friday, either virtually or in person, anytime between 9 am to 5 pm. If you would like information, or to set an appointment, please contact the Career Success Center at careersuccess@wcsu.edu.

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](#)

[UnCubed](#)

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

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND CREDENTIALS THAT CAN MAKE YOU MORE MARKETABLE

[Certified Financial Planner](#)

[Chartered Financial Analyst \(CFA®\)](#)

[Certified Management Accountant \(CMA\)](#)

[Certified Fund Specialist \(CFS\)](#)

[Chartered Financial Consultant \(ChFC\)](#)

[Chartered Investment Counselor \(CIC\)](#)

[Certified Investment Management Analyst \(CIMA\)](#)

[Certified Public Accountant and Personal Financial Specialist \(CPA and PFS\)](#)

[Certified Treasury Professional®](#)

[Certified Government Financial Manager® \(CGFM\)](#)

[Certified Healthcare Financial Professional® \(CHFP\)](#)

[Certified International Investment Analyst \(CIIA\)](#)

[Certified Merger & Acquisition Advisor \(CM&AA\)](#)

[Chartered Economic Analyst \(ChEA\)](#)

[Energy Risk Professional \(ERP\)®](#)

[Financial Risk Manager \(FRM\)®](#)

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](#).