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Accounting majors study and practice the creation, maintenance, and audit of an organization's financial system in order to help guide and improve performance. Nearly every industry and type of business relies on accounting processes, so combined with a general knowledge of business and finance concepts, the variety of career opportunities is broad and growing quickly. Technology, globalization, artificial intelligence, policy changes and the increasing need for data analysis is driving demand for new accounting roles. Certified Public Accountants (CPA), managerial accountants, and budget/tax analysts provide the backbone of professional positions, but per the Association of Chartered Accountants, roles supporting assurance advocacy, business transformation, data navigation, technology evangelization, and value creation through sustainability are increasingly valued.

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), accountants and auditors can expect the job market to grow about 6% from 2021 to 2031, average for all occupations. The demand for accounting professionals will continue to be driven by the globalization of businesses and technological changes affecting the tax and regulatory environment. Accounting internship opportunities are particularly important in the financial services industry, since positions are often competitive and require some proven experience.

## Essential Skills & Characteristics to develop and highlight:

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|  Passion for solving problems           |  Personal Management |
|  Mathematical and Deductive Reasoning  |  Data analysis      |
|  Attention to detail and organization |  Digital Literacy  |
|  Written and Oral Communications      |  Teamwork          |

## How To Get Started:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Assess</a> your personal strengths & preferences  | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Get an internship/relevant work experience</a>                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Research opportunities</a> : online/in-person   | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Join a professional accounting organization</a>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Expand your network</a> , accounting, technical skills, and improve your professional brand | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Connect with professionals</a> through career conversations & job shadowing |

## Chart Your Path Forward with the [Career Success Center](#)

### [Activate Your Handshake Account](#)

for events, coaching appointments and connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking & more!  
[www.wcsu.edu/handshake](http://www.wcsu.edu/handshake)

### [Explore Career Communities](#)

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your Accounting major into success.

### [Get Career & Internship Advising](#)

from the Career Success Center to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate

# Put your Accounting major to **WORK**

## Common Alumni Job Titles

- Accounting Clerk
- Financial Advisor
- CPA
- Auditor
- FBI Analyst
- Bookkeeper
- Tax Advisor
- IRS Specialist
- Tax Examiner
- Stockbroker

## Employers of Accounting Majors

- IBM
- Deloitte
- KPMG
- PwC
- PepsiCo
- Cartus
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Cigna
- Pitney Bowes
- RSM US LLP

## Recent Accounting Alumni

### Employment Sector

- 19 % Professional, Scientific, and Tech Services
- 13 % Finance and Insurance
- 11 % Retail Trade
- 9 % Manufacturing
- 9 % Management of Companies and Enterprises
- 7 % Administrative Support
- 6 % Wholesale Trade
- 5 % Accommodations and Food Services

### Live & Work

- 80 % Connecticut
- 15 % Middle Atlantic
- 2 % South Atlantic
- 1 % New England
- 1 % Pacific



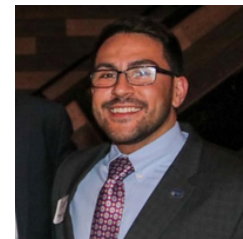
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"An Accounting degree allowed me to better understand business. I applied it to becoming an auditor and overseeing organizations' compliance with internal controls, thus ensuring investor confidence and preventing 'another Enron' from happening."

## Informational & Job Websites

- <https://wcsu.joinhandshake.com/login>
- <http://www.accounting.com/resources/students/>
- <https://www.accountingcoach.com>
- <http://www.accountingnow.com/>
- <https://idealistcareers.org/>
- <https://www.ihireaccounting.com/>
- <http://www.accountingjobstoday.com/>
- <https://www.roberthalf.com/>
- <http://www.aafm.us/charteredeconomist.html>
- <https://www.garp.org/#!/home>
- <https://www.afponline.org/>
- <http://members.pasba.org/>
- <https://www.aicpa.org/>
- <https://www.natptax.com/Pages/default.aspx>



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"An Accounting degree from WSCU has given me the foundational business knowledge to find success throughout my career. Not only did I learn business acumen through my Ancell School courses, I gained the confidence I needed to compete in the workplace, from my internship and first job through my ability to excel in my current role."

## Career Communities for Accounting Majors

The Career Success Center has seven Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs.

Here are a few suggestions on where Accounting majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit our website at [www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/](http://www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/) to view more.

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- [Government, Public Policy, Law and Non-Profit](#)
- [Media, Arts, Marketing, & Entertainment](#)