

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN ACCOUNTING

The Certificate of Achievement requirements include completion of the certificate courses with a “C” or better grade in each course. Required and support courses may be substituted with the approval of the Business Division Chair.

This certificate prepares students for entry-level employment in the field of Accounting. Students completing this certificate will acquire entry-level employment skills also in the fields of bookkeeping and office management. Students will acquire a complete understanding of computerized accounting systems and how to record the financial transactions of business. They will be able to prepare and analyze a business’s financial statements and work with the company’s internal and external accounting staff and advisors. They will have the ability to prepare individual income tax returns for California residents.

Program Outcomes

- Accurately prepare an individual income tax return (Form 1040).
- Show proficiency in financial statement analysis.
- Accurately analyze, interpret, and record business transactions.
- Accurately record and retrieve company financial transactions and statements in a computerized bookkeeping program.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be prepared for employment in the following fields: accounts payable clerk, accounts receivable clerk, income tax preparer, staff accounting assistant, assistant bookkeeper, and bookkeeper.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED CERTIFICATE COURSES		19
ACCT 001	Financial Accounting	4
ACCT 002	Managerial Accounting	4
ACCT 210	Computer Accounting	3
ACCT 282	Individual Income Tax	5
COMP 238	Spreadsheet for Business	3
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RESTRICTED ELECTIVES - LIST A		3
Select three units from the following courses:		
BUS 020	Business Statistics	3
BUS 119	Quantitative Methods	3
BUS 295	Business Mathematics	3
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RESTRICTED ELECTIVES - LIST B		9
Select nine units from the following courses:		
BUS 082	Introduction to Business	3
BUS 100	Career Strategies	3
BUS 185	Ethics in Business and Industry	3
BUS 188	Human Relations in Business	3
BUS 268	Electronic Calculating	2
BUS 297	Personal Finance	3
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TOTAL		31