

# ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE

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Many business-related jobs require a bachelor's degree. Students considering business as career can take ACC 153 and ACC 154 at Oakton. These two courses will transfer to four-year institutions and satisfy the accounting component of the business core. Transfer students may take other accounting courses to build skills, especially in accounting technology, but those courses will most likely not transfer to four-year institutions.

There are other avenues for students considering careers in accounting. For students who do not plan to pursue bachelor's degrees, Oakton's Accounting curriculum provides the preparation to become staff accountants, tax preparers, payroll accountants, QuickBooks Certified Users, and Microsoft Excel Specialists.

Students who already have bachelor's degrees may consider any of the avenues in the above paragraph or they may pursue Oakton's program to prepare for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam.

The curriculum offers a 62-credit-hour A.A.S. degree program and four accounting certificates: a 19-credit hour Accounting Technology Certificate that includes Excel, QuickBooks, and Cloud Accounting; an 17-credit-hour Income Tax Preparation Certificate that leads to the IRS enrolled agent exam; a 41-credit-hour certificate in accounting that includes accounting technology, taxation, ethics, and communications; and a 36-credit-hour Professional Accounting – CPA Preparation Certificate that leads to the national uniform CPA exam.

**CPA Exam Candidates** should check the Professional Accounting - CPA Preparation Certificate for information regarding CPA Exam preparation.