

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

## Certificate of Professional Accounting - Accounting Subjects Certificate of Achievement (Transcripted)

This certificate is designed for an individual that has a bachelor's degree other than in accounting that wishes to be licensed as Certified Public Accountant (CPA). This certificate in conjunction with Certificate of Professional Accounting – Business Subjects and Certificate of Professional Accounting – Accounting Study & Ethics will prepare an individual for the CPA exam as well as meet the educational requirements for licensure. The courses contained in this certificate meet the specific course requirements of section "Accounting Subjects" set forth by the California Board of Accountancy (CBA). Upon successful completion of this certificate along with the Certificate of Professional Accounting – Business Subjects and Certificate of Professional Accounting – Accounting Study & Ethics, a student will have taken all the necessary Accounting, Business and Ethics courses required for licensure (license granted upon successful passing of the Uniform CPA exam). CPA licensure affords promotional opportunities in public accounting, taxation, as well as administrative departments of businesses in public and private sector areas such as manufacturing, merchandising, financial service, wholesale trades, and government. This certificate covers accounting principles necessary for financial reporting, analysis and critical review of accounting information. Entry-level employment opportunities include professional positions in financial statement auditing, income tax preparation, cost accounting, financial reporting and a number of trainee positions. Promotional opportunities include higher-level responsibilities in these same areas.

Upon successful completion of the program students will be able to:

- 1. Understand accounting concepts.
- a. Students will demonstrate accounting concepts in the accounting classes through examination and practical exercises.
- b. Students will prepare accounting financials based upon accounting principles.
- 2. Communicate effectively orally and in writing.
- a. Students will draft research papers & case study reports.
- b. Students will use proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- Be proficient in using accounting technology.
- a. Students will demonstrate the use of the Microsoft suite (Word, PowerPoint and Excel) in their completion of assignments.
- b. Students will complete assignments using accounting-specific software.
- Exhibit critical thinking skills.
- a. Students will analyze cases related to the accounting specialty classes.
- b. Students will analyze fact patterns to demonstrate the application of accounting principles to fact patterns.

**Note 1:** Some of the courses listed in this certificate overlap with courses listed in the Certificate of Professional Accounting – Business Subjects and/or the Certificate of Professional Accounting – Accounting Study & Ethics. It is imperative that an individual does not take any courses for this certificate that have already counted towards either the Certificate of Professional Accounting – Business Subjects or the Certificate of Professional Accounting – Accounting Study & Ethics.

**Note 2:** While a bachelor's degree is not a prerequisite to obtain this certificate, the student needs to obtain a bachelor's degree for CPA exam eligibility (may occur concurrently). In addition to passing the Uniform CPA exam and meeting the educational requirements, an individual must also meet general accounting and business work experience as required by the CBA for licensure. Please refer to http://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/index.shtml for a complete list of all requirements and options for licensure requirements for a CPA.

**Note 3:** A student may be eligible to sit for the CPA exam concurrent with obtaining this certificate. To qualify and sit for the Uniform CPA exam one will need a bachelor's degree and evidence of at least 24 semester-units of business-related subjects and 24 semester- units of accounting subjects. For more information regarding this requirement, please refer to: http://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/applicants/ed-requirements.shtml

Accounting Subjects - Required Courses - 21 Units:		Units
ACCT 101	Financial Accounting	4
ACCT 102	Managerial Accounting	4
ACCT 104	Federal and California Taxes	4
ACCT 205	Intermediate Accounting I	3
ACCT 206	Intermediate Accounting II	3
ACCT 211	Auditing	3
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Accounting Subjects - Electives - Select a minimum of 3 units:		Units
ACCT 113	Intermediate Income Taxes – Corporations	2
ACCT 114	Intermediate Income Taxes - Partnerships and LLCs	2
ACCT 204	Managerial Cost Accounting	3
ACCT 210	Accounting Information Systems	3
<b>Total Units</b>		24



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