Post-Baccalaureate Undergraduate Certificate Accounting

The Post-baccalaureate Undergraduate Certificate in Accounting is designed for individuals who already hold a bachelor’s degree in another field, but would like to sit for the CPA exam. The Virginia Board of Accountancy requires individuals to have a minimum of 120 hours of college courses to sit for the exam, and those hours must include 24 hours of accounting courses and 24 hours of business courses. The accounting courses must include one managerial, one cost, one tax, and one auditing. The remaining four courses may be any additional accounting courses.

NOTE: To be licensed in Virginia, candidates must have a total of 150 hours of college credit.

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For program policies, please visit the University Bulletin website at http://www.pubapps.vcu.edu/bullitins/

Curriculum

All courses are 3 credit hours (Total Credits = 48 hours)

Accounting Courses (24 hours total):
Required (21 hours):
ACCT 303 Intermediate Accounting I
ACCT 304 Intermediate Accounting II
ACCT 305 Intermediate Accounting III
ACCT 306 Cost Accounting
ACCT 307 Accounting Systems
ACCT 405 Tax Accounting Principles
ACCT 406 Auditing

Electives (select one)
ACCT 401 Governmental Accounting
ACCT 402 Advanced Cost
ACCT 403 Management Control Systems
ACCT 410 Advanced Tax Accounting
ACCT 513 Advanced Accounting

Business Courses (24 hours total):
Business Required (3 hours):
SCMA 323 Legal Env of Business

Business Electives (select 7 courses):*
Selecting a variety of business courses, will better prepare students for the CPA. Suggested courses include:

ECON 303 Managerial Economics or ECON 500 Concepts in Economics
FIRE 311 Financial Management
MGMT 319 Organizational Behavior
MKTG 301 Marketing Principles
SCMA 320 Production/Operations Mgmt
SCMA 325 Organizational Communication

* Other 300-400 elective accounting and business courses may be selected with approval of student’s academic advisor.