

ACCOUNTING GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Ordinarily, an entering student will have successfully completed a baccalaureate degree in accounting or comparable accounting coursework. If the undergraduate major was not accounting, an applicant should have completed the following minimum core of accounting course work (or equivalent):

- financial and managerial accounting principles
- intermediate financial accounting I and II
- cost accounting
- federal taxation
- auditing

With program approval, all four courses in the certificate may be applied to the online Master of Professional Accounting degree, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/transfer-credit/>). Certificate program students who wish to have the certificate courses applied to the master's degree program must formally be admitted to the master's degree program. Admission into the master's degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed. Upon admittance to the master's degree program, certificate courses completed with a grade of B or better may be transferred into the program.