

ACCOUNTING CERTIFICATE

Total Credits: 30

Catalog Edition: 2025-2026

Program Description

The accounting certificate is designed to serve students wanting to upgrade their professional competence. The curriculum supports academic preparation in three principal accounting career pathways: corporate, government, or public accounting. The certificate coursework is intended to satisfy the Maryland Board of Public Accountancy's accounting education requirements for CPA licensure and the Office of Personnel Management's education requirements for accounting employment with the U.S. Federal government.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Identify, measure, record, and communicate financial information relating to an organization.
- Interpret, analyze, and evaluate financial information relating to an organization.

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For more information, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/accounting/accounting-certificate.html>

To view the Advising Worksheet, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/documents/counseling-and-advising/advising-worksheets/current-catalog/167.pdf>

To view the listing of BEACAHMPS faculty advisors, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/documents/academics/abeess/beacahmps/advisor-listing.pdf>.

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Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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Program Requirements

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

Program Requirements

ACCT 221 - Accounting I *4 semester hours*

ACCT 222 - Accounting II *4 semester hours*

ACCT 228 - Ethics and Professionalism in Accounting *3 semester hours*

OR

PHIL 140 - Introduction to the Study of Ethics *3 semester hours*

ACCT 231 - Intermediate Accounting I *4 semester hours*

ACCT 245 - Accounting Information Systems *3 semester hours*

Electives Based on Pathway *12 semester hours **

Total Credit Hours: 30

Advising Notes

* Elective guidance based on pathway:

Public Accounting (CPA Pathway)

Select a minimum of 12 credits. Additional courses may be required beyond 30 credits to meet the required content areas for CPA Exam eligibility. Check with your State Board of Accountancy.

ACCT 225
ACCT 232
ACCT 237
ACCT 240
ACCT 247
BSAN 101
MGMT 201

Corporate Accounting (For/Non-profit & Government Agency)

Select a minimum of 12 credits. Students should select ACCT 225 if they intend to pursue Non-profit or Governmental Agency career paths. If students anticipate a For-profit career, ACCT 232 is appropriate.

ACCT 225

OR

ACCT 232
Select 3 of the 3-credit courses below:
ACCT 235
ACCT 239
BSAN 101
MGMT 201

Government Regulatory

Select a minimum of 12 credits based desired pathway. Students may check the academic requirements for specific agencies.

ACCT 225

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ACCT 237
ACCT 240
ACCT 239
ACCT 247
BSAN 101
MGMT 201

Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu>.

Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

Macklin Business Institute: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/macklin>

Hillman Entrepreneurs Program: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/hillmanprogram>

Related Careers

Some require a bachelor's degree.

Accountant, Financial Manager, Financial Analyst, Sales, Project Manager, Operation Coordinator.

Career Services

Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career>

Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit <https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com>

Notes:

Faculty Advisors are provided to help students with academic program questions such as courses to take, career advice, etc.; while counselors respond to questions outside the BEACAHMPS program such as financial aid, scholarships, tuition fees, etc. To view the listing of BEACAHMPS faculty advisors, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/documents/academics/abeess/beacahmps/advisor-listing.pdf>.