



## Pathway: Accounting

### Plan of Study: Accountant

**Career Goal (O\*Net Code):** Examples: Accountant (13-2011), Accounting Clerk (43-3031), Financial Controller (11-3031), Cost Accountant (43-3031), Bookkeeper (43-3021)

#### Suggested High School Courses

<b>High School</b> * Default includes CDHE Higher Education Admission Requirements	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English 9, Algebra I or Geometry, Introduction to Physical Science/Geology, World Studies or Western Civilization	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Yearbook, Foreign Language
		<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	Introduction to Business	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English 10, Algebra II or Geometry, Biology/Geology, World Studies or Western Civilization	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Yearbook, Foreign Language
		<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	Accounting I, Business Management	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English II, Trigonometry or College Algebra, Chemistry/Geology, US History or Western Civilization	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Yearbook, Foreign Language
		<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	Accounting I, College Accounting, Business Management, Technology I and II	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English 12, College Algebra, College Chemistry/Science Fair/Geology, Government, Life Skills	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Yearbook, Foreign Language
		<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	College Accounting, School to Career, Business Management, Technology I and II	

#### Secondary to Postsecondary Linkages & Certifications

<b>Recognition for Advanced Learning</b>	<b>Postsecondary Credit Options:</b> Articulation Agreement, Dual Credit with Northeastern Jr. College
	<b>Industry Recognized Certificate(s) or License(s):</b> Certified Public Accountant

#### Postsecondary Programs Available in Colorado

#### Colorado Institutions

Entrance Exams/Requirements

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<b>Postsecondary Education Opportunities</b>	Certificate	Accounting, Banking & Financial Services, Business Administration - Finance, Financial Services, Business Data Processing	High School diploma/GED Accuplacer
	Associate Degree	Accounting, Mathematics, Business Administration - Finance, Financial Services	High School diploma/GED Accuplacer
	Bachelor Degree	Accounting, Mathematics	See each school's Admissions website. More options: collegeincolorado.org
	Graduate Degree	Accounting, MS; Accounting, Information Systems; Audit, Control, MS; Accounting, MBA; Business Administration, MBA & PhD	See each school's Admissions website. More options: collegeincolorado.org

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**Cluster Overview:** The **Finance Career Cluster** prepares students for careers in planning, services for financial and investment planning, banking, insurance, and business financial management.

**Extended Learning Experiences**

<p><b>Curricular Experiences:</b></p> <p>Examples:          Future Business Leaders of America          Phi Beta Lambda (College Level)          SIFE (Jr. College Level)          BPA</p>	<p><b>Extracurricular Experiences:</b></p> <p>Examples:          FBLA competitions including: Accounting I, Accounting II, Business Plan          FBLA Officer          School Class Officer          Yearbook</p>
<p><b>Work-Based Learning Experiences:</b></p> <p>Career Preparation – Paid and Unpaid, Job Shadowing, Internships</p>	<p><b>Program Accreditation and/or Professional Association(s):</b></p> <p>Examples:          American Institute of Certified Public Accountants          American Society of Certified Public Accountants          Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies          National Association of Credit Management          National Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda</p>
<p><b>Service Learning Experiences:</b></p> <p>Examples: AmeriCorp, Community Service Volunteer, Joint Service Learning/FBLA Projects</p>	

**Career Options:**

**Salary Range:**

Certificate	Bookkeeper, Tax Preparer	\$ - \$\$
Associate Degree	Accounting Clerk, Tax Technician	\$\$
Bachelor Degree	Accountant, Financial Controller, Cost Accountant, Tax Accountant Auditor	\$\$ - \$\$\$
Graduate Degree	Treasurer, Controller, Chief Revenue Agent, International Tax, Assessor, Forensic Auditor	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$

\* \$ = \$15-25,000; \$\$ = \$25-55,000; \$\$\$ = \$55-90,000; \$\$\$\$ = Above \$90,000