



Pathway: Accounting

Plan of Study: Accounting & Financial Management

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

Suggested High School Courses

High School	9 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English I, Algebra I, Earth or Physical Science, World Geography	Suggested Electives: Health Physical Education Woods
		Career Path Courses:	Word Processing, General Business (9 th or 10 th)	
* Default includes CDHE Higher Education Admission Requirements	10 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English II, Geometry, Science Survey or Biology, World History	Suggested Electives: Publications World Affairs
		Career Path Courses:	General Business and/or Computer Applications, Consumer Math	
	11 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English III, Algebra II, Chemistry or Physics, American History	Suggested Electives: Publications CAD
		Career Path Courses:	Accounting I and/or Business Law	
	12 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English IV, Physics or Chemistry, Foreign Language	Suggested Electives: Publications Fitness for Life CAD Government
		Career Path Courses:	Accounting II, Business Internship or Job Shadowing, Advanced Math, Economics	

Secondary to Postsecondary Linkages & Certifications

Recognition for Advanced Learning	Postsecondary Credit Options: English 121, Math 121, Spanish II, Accounting II, Personal Finance, Finance, Economics, Psychology 101, Geography 105
	Industry Recognized Certificate(s) or License(s): Certified Public Accountant, Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) and the Accreditation Council for Accountancy & Taxation (ACAT).

		Postsecondary Programs Available in Colorado	Colorado Institutions	Entrance Exams/ Requirements
Postsecondary Education Opportunities	Certificate	Accounting, Banking & Financial Services, Business Administration - Finance, Financial Services, Business Data Processing	AVS: Emily Griffith, San Juan Basin Community Colleges/Colleges: Northeastern Junior College, Fort Morgan CC, Aims CC, Colorado Mountain College, Colorado Northwestern CC, CC of Aurora, CC of Denver, Front Range CC, Pikes Peak CC, Red Rocks CC, Otero Junior College, Arapahoe CC & Technical Trade Schools	High School diploma/GED Accuplacer
	Associate Degree	Accounting, Mathematics, Business Administration - Finance, Financial Services	Aims CC, Arapahoe CC, Colorado Mountain College, Colorado Northwestern CC, CC of Aurora, CC of Denver, Front Range CC, Pikes Peak CC, Pueblo CC, Red Rocks CC, Mesa State College, & Technical Trade Schools	High School diploma/GED Accuplacer
	Bachelor Degree	Accounting, Mathematics	Fort Lewis College, Mesa State College, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Western State College More options:collegeincolorado.org	See each school's Admissions website.
	Graduate Degree	Accounting, MS; Accounting, Information Systems; Audit, Control, MS; Accounting, MBA ; Business Administration, MBA & PhD	University of Colorado-Denver, University of Colorado-Boulder, Colorado State University - Pueblo More options:collegeincolorado.org	See each school's Admissions website.

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>Curricular Experiences:</p> <p>Examples: Future Business Leaders of America Accounting I Test Accounting II Test Personal Finance Test Spread Sheet Applications Test Student Leadership/Council officer or participator</p>	<p>Extracurricular Experiences:</p> <p>Examples: Math Tutor School Class Officer Yearbook 4-H Speech & Debate</p>	
<p>Work-Based Learning Experiences:</p> <p>Career Preparation – Paid and Unpaid, Job Shadowing, Internships, Volunteer Work, Class Treasurer, Club Treasurer, Fundraising</p>	<p>Program Accreditation and/or Professional Association(s):</p> <p>Examples: American Institute of Certified Public Accountants American Society of Certified Public Accountants Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies International DECA National Association of Credit Management National Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda</p>	
<p>Service Learning Experiences:</p> <p>Community Service Volunteer, Girl Scouts of the USA, Boy Scouts of America, Class Fundraising FBLA Service Learning 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

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