



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

High School <small>* Default includes CDHE Higher Education Admission Requirements</small>	9 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English I, Algebra I, Earth or Environmental Science, Geography/Civics, PE	Suggested Electives: Keyboarding
		Career Path Courses:	Introduction to Business (DHS, HHS), Recordkeeping (DHS), Bridges and Profiles (CHS)	
	10 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English II, Geometry I, Biology, Colorado or World History, Foreign Language I	Suggested Electives: Keyboarding, Business Technology I (DHS)
		Career Path Courses:	Business Math (DHS, HHS), Introduction to Business (CHS)	
	11 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English III, Algebra II/ or Business Math, American History, Speech, ACT Prep, Foreign Language II	Suggested Electives: Business Technology II (DHS)I
		Career Path Courses:	Accounting I (CHS, DHS, HHS), Principles of Management (CHS), Business Law (DHS)	
	12 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English IV, Trigonometry or other Math	Suggested Electives: Business Law (DHS) Economics (CHS, HHS), Principles of Management (CHS)
		Career Path Courses:	Accounting II (CHS, DHS, HHS), Life Skills for Seniors or Internship Theory (DHS)	

Secondary to Postsecondary Linkages & Certifications

Recognition for Advanced Learning	Postsecondary Credit Options: ACP, Dual Credit, PSEO, Fast College-Fast Jobs, Articulated Credit
	Industry Recognized Certificate(s) or License(s): CPA

Postsecondary Programs Available in Colorado

Colorado Institutions

Entrance Exams/ Requirements

		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: Delta-Montrose Technical College, Emily Griffith, San Juan Basin Community Colleges/Colleges: 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	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 Community College, Mesa State College	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		
Curricular Experiences: DECA Future Business Leaders of America Phi Beta Lambda	Extracurricular Experiences: Language Tutor Math Tutor School Class Officer School Newspaper Yearbook	
Work-Based Learning Experiences: Career Preparation – Paid and Unpaid, Job Shadowing, Internships	Program Accreditation and/or Professional Association(s): Colorado Association of Certified Public Accountants National Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda	
Service Learning Experiences: Boy Scouts of America, Community Service Volunteer, Girl Scouts of the USA		
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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