



Pathway: Accounting

Plan of Study: Accountant

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

Suggested High School Courses

High School * Default includes CDHE Higher Education Admission Requirements	9 th	Core Academic Courses*:	Language Arts 100 (Or Advanced), Algebra I (or higher), Fr. Physics or Advanced Biology, World Geography, Health, Computer Apps I,	Suggested Electives: Foreign Language, Freshman Seminar
		Career Path Courses:	Business Foundations	
	10 th	Core Academic Courses*:	Language Arts 200 (Or Advanced), Math, World History, Science(with Lab), Physical Ed.,	Suggested Electives: Foreign Language, Other Electives:
		Career Path Courses:	Business Law, Computer Apps II	
	11 th	Core Academic Courses*:	Language Arts 300 or Lit and Comp, U.S. History, Math, Science,	Suggested Electives: Foreign Language, Other Electives:
		Career Path Courses:	Accounting I, Business Management and Leadership	
	12 th	Core Academic Courses*:	Language Arts, American Government, Math, Personal Living (Or Personal Finances)	Suggested Electives: Foreign Language, Statistics
		Career Path Courses:	Accounting II, Business Finance and Investments	

Secondary to Postsecondary Linkages & Certifications

Recognition for Advanced Learning	Postsecondary Credit Options: Articulated Credit (applied for as of 2-15-08): Pikes Peak Community College, Aurora Community College, Arapahoe Community College
	Industry Recognized Certificate(s) or License(s): Certified Public Accountant, Masters Degree in Taxation

Postsecondary Programs Available in Colorado

Colorado Institutions

Entrance Exams/Requirements

Postsecondary Education Opportunities	Certificate	Associate Degree	Bachelor Degree	Graduate Degree	Postsecondary Programs Available in Colorado	Colorado Institutions	Entrance Exams/Requirements
					Accounting, Banking & Financial Services, Business Administration - Finance, Financial Services, Business Data Processing	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
					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
					Accounting, Mathematics	Fort Lewis College, Mesa State College, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Western State College, University of Colorado, Colorado State University, University of Denver, Johnson and Wales More options:collegeincolorado.org	See each school's Admissions website.
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:		Extracurricular Experiences:
Future Business Leaders of America AICPA- Student Affiliate Membership Beta Alpha Psi		Language Tutor Math Tutor School Class Officer School Newspaper Yearbook Peer Counselor
Work-Based Learning Experiences:		Program Accreditation and/or Professional Association(s):
Career Preparation – Paid and Unpaid, Job Shadowing, Internships		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
Service Learning Experiences:		
FBLA Community Service Projects Other community service projects Service organizations		
Career Options:		Salary Range:
Certificate	Bookkeeper, Tax Preparer	\$ - \$\$
Associate Degree	Accounting Clerk, Tax Technician	\$\$
Bachelor Degree	Accountant, Financial Controller, Cost Accountant, Tax Accountant Auditor Accounting Degree- Top 10 most hired degree in 2008.	\$\$ - \$\$\$
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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