



## Pathway: Accounting

### Plan of Study: Accountant

**Career Goal (O\*Net Code):** Accountant (13-2011), Tax Preparer (13-2082), Financial Analyst (13-2051), 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 I, Algebra I, Physical/Earth Science, Geography/Health, Physical Education	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Art, Music, Drama
		<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	Keyboarding, Business Record Keeping	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English II, Geometry, Biology, World History, World Language	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Art, Music, Drama, Advanced Physical Education
		<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	Computer Applications	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English III, Algebra II/ or other, Science Elective, World Language	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Journalism, Yearbook, Art, Music, Drama, Advanced Physical Education
		<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	Accounting I	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Core Academic Courses*:</b>	English IV, PreCalculus or other Math, Government, Additional Academic Elective (grad requirement)	<b>Suggested Electives:</b> Intro to Business**, Business Comm. & Report Writing**, Journalism, Yearbook, World Language, Psychology, Art, Music, Drama ** = offered at PCC
		<b>Career Path Courses:</b>	Accounting II	

#### Secondary to Postsecondary Linkages & Certifications

<b>Recognition for Advanced Learning</b>	<b>Postsecondary Credit Options:</b> Articulate Credit with Pikes Peak Community College is available for the following courses:  Accounting I Accounting II
	<b>Industry Recognized Certificate(s) or License(s):</b> Accounting Certificate

		Postsecondary Programs Available in Colorado	Colorado Institutions	Entrance Exams/ Requirements
<b>Postsecondary Education Opportunities</b>	Certificate	Accounting, Banking & Financial Services, Business Administration - Finance, Financial Services, Business Data Processing	<b>AVS:</b> Emily Griffith, San Juan Basin <b>Community Colleges/Colleges:</b> Pikes Peak CC, Aims CC, Colorado Mountain College, Colorado Northwestern CC, CC of Aurora, CC of Denver, Front Range CC, Red Rocks CC, Otero JC, 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	University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, Colorado State University - Pueblo, Fort Lewis College, Mesa State College, More options: collegeincolorado.org	See each school's Admissions website.

<b>Graduate Degree</b>	Accounting, MS; Accounting, Information Systems; Audit, Control, MS; Accounting, MBA ; Business Administration, MBA & PhD	University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, University of Colorado-Denver, Colorado State University - Pueblo More options: collegeincolorado.org	See each school's Admissions website.
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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**

<b>Curricular Experiences:</b> DECA Future Business Leaders of America	<b>Extracurricular Experiences:</b> School Class Officer School Newspaper Yearbook Athletics Music Programs NHS
<b>Work-Based Learning Experiences:</b> Career Preparation – Paid and Unpaid, Job Shadowing, Internships	<b>Program Accreditation and/or Professional Association(s):</b> International DECA American Institute of Certified Public Accountants American Society of Certified Public Accountants National Association of Credit Management National Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda
<b>Service Learning Experiences:</b>  Community Service Volunteer, NHS Service Learning, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA	

<b>Career Options:</b>		<b>Salary Range:</b>
<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Bookkeeper, Tax Preparer</b>	\$ - \$\$
<b>Associate Degree</b>	<b>Accounting Clerk, Tax Technician</b>	\$\$
<b>Bachelor Degree</b>	<b>Accountant, Financial Controller, Cost Accountant, Tax Accountant Auditor</b>	\$\$ - \$\$\$
<b>Graduate Degree</b>	<b>Treasurer, Controller, Chief Revenue Agent, International Tax, Assessor, Forensic Auditor</b>	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$

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

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