



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 * Default includes CDHE Higher Education Admission Requirements	9 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English 9, Algebra I, Geometry or Algebra II, Intro to Physical and Earth Science	Suggested Electives: Intro to Tech, Foreign Language
		Career Path Courses:	General Business, Word Processing I	
	10 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English 10, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology, World History	Suggested Electives: Desktop Publishing
		Career Path Courses:	Computer Applications, Accounting I	
	11 th	Core Academic Courses*:	Speech/American Literature, US History, Science Elective	Suggested Electives: Foreign Language, Pre-Calculus, Business Communications
		Career Path Courses:	Accounting II, Business Law	
	12 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English Elective, American Government, Life Skills or Life Management	Suggested Electives: Advanced Computer Applications, Entrepreneurship
		Career Path Courses:	College Accounting	

Secondary to Postsecondary Linkages & Certifications

Recognition for Advanced Learning	Postsecondary Credit Options: Dual Credit Options - College Accounting (ACCT -121 - Aims), Advanced Computer Applications (CIS 118-Aims)
	Industry Recognized Certificate(s) or License(s):

		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: 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: Future Business Leaders of America	Extracurricular Experiences: Language Tutor Math Tutor School Class Officer School Newspaper Yearbook	
Work-Based Learning Experiences: Career Preparation – Paid and Unpaid, Job Shadowing, Internships, Workbased Simulations	Program Accreditation and/or Professional Association(s): 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: 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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