



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, Earth Science, Geography, Computer Tools, Spanish I	Suggested Electives: Band
		Career Path Courses:	Introduction to Business, Marketing	
	10 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English 10, Algebra II, Biology	Suggested Electives: Spanish II, Fitness, Band, Creative Writing/Speech
		Career Path Courses:	Personal Literacy, Computer Applications	
	11 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English 11, Geometry, American History, Chemistry	Suggested Electives: Spanish III, Fitness, WAVES, Web Editing, Band, Psychology/Sociology
		Career Path Courses:	Accounting I, Business Law	
	12 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English 12, Government	Suggested Electives: Senior Math, Physics, Fitness, Band, WAVES, Graphics Arts Design
		Career Path Courses:	Accounting II, Economics	

Secondary to Postsecondary Linkages & Certifications

Recognition for Advanced Learning	Postsecondary Credit Options: PSEO, Articulated Credit, WAVES, ACP, Dual Credit with Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado
	Industry Recognized Certificate(s) or License(s): CPA, MBA, Master's of Accounting, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Board of Environmental Auditor Certifications, CMA

Postsecondary Programs Available in Colorado

Colorado Institutions

Entrance Exams/Requirements

Postsecondary Education Opportunities	Postsecondary Programs Available in Colorado		Colorado Institutions	Entrance Exams/Requirements
	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.

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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		
Curricular Experiences:	Extracurricular Experiences:	
Future Business Leaders of America (Accounting I, Accounting II, Banking & Financial Systems competitions) Delta Epsilon Chi Phi Beta Lambda SIFE BPA	Language Tutor Math Tutor School Class Officer	
Work-Based Learning Experiences:	Program Accreditation and/or Professional Association(s):	
Career Preparation – Paid and Unpaid, Job Shadowing, Internships, Volunteerism	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, AmeriCorps		
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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