

Accounting

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Program Overview

ACCOUNTING
Business Division
Room T102, (847) 543-2041

ACCOUNTING (Associate in Applied Science) Plan 22AA

Accounting programs prepare students to compile and analyze business records and prepare financial reports such as income statements, balance sheets, costs studies and tax returns.

To complete an A.A.S., students must meet General Requirements detailed in the current CLC catalog. Visit www.clcillinois.edu/catalog/ (select Career Programs).

Required General Education Coursework 15

- AOS 122 Business Mathematics **OR**
- MTH 222 Elementary Statistics **OR**
- MTH 127 Finite Mathematics **OR**
- MTH 224 Calculus for Business and Social Science 3-4
- CMM 111 Communication Skills **OR**
- CMM 121 Fundamentals of Speech **OR**
- CMM 128 Interviewing Practices 3
- ENG 121 English Composition I 3
- PHI 122 Logic **OR**
- PHI 125 Introduction to Ethics 3
- PSY 121 Introduction to Psychology **OR**
- PSY 122 Psychology in Business and Industry 3

Required Business Coursework 17

- CIT 119 Introduction to Office Software **OR**
- CIT 120 Introduction to Computers 3
- BUS 121 Introduction to Business 3
- BUS 221 Business Law I 3
- Electives (see right) 8

Required Accounting Coursework 22-24

- ACC 112 Accounting Procedures I **and**
- ACC 113 Accounting Procedures II **OR**
- ACC 121 Financial Accounting 4-6
- ACC 122 Managerial Accounting 4
- ACC 212 Federal Tax Accounting I 3
- ACC 214 Cost Accounting 3
- ACC 221 Intermediate Accounting I 4
- ACC 222 Intermediate Accounting II 4

Additional Required Coursework 6-9

- ECO 110 Economics for Business and Industry **OR**
- ECO 221 Principles of Macroeconomics and ECO 222 Principles of Microeconomics* . . . 3-6
- ENG 126 Advanced Composition: Scientific and Technical Communications **OR**
- AOS 111 Business Communications 3

Total Hours for A.A.S. Degree 60

Business Electives Select eight hours from the list below:

- ACC 114 Payroll Accounting 2
- ACC 115 Spreadsheet Applications for Accounting 1
- ACC 171 Accounting Information and Computer Systems 2
- ACC 172 Capstone Experience 1
- ACC 213 Federal Tax Accounting II 3
- ACC 270 Advanced Accounting 4
- ACC 271 Auditing 3
- BUS 222 Business Law II 3
- AOS Electives 1-4
- BUS Electives 1-6
- CIT Electives 1-7
- EWE 220 Cooperative Work Experience I . . . 1-3

* Students taking ECO 221 and ECO 222 are required to complete only five hours of business electives.

ACCOUNTING CLERK (Certificate) Plan 22AI

This program prepares individuals for positions as accounting or financial services support personnel. Accounting clerks require excellent mathematical aptitude, computer data entry skills, good communication skills and basic accounting knowledge.

- ACC 112 Accounting Procedures I 3
- ACC 113 Accounting Procedures II 3
- ACC 114 Payroll Accounting 2
- ACC 115 Spreadsheet Applications for Accounting 1
- ACC 171 Accounting Information and Computer Systems 2
- ACC 172 Capstone Experience - Accounting Clerk Certificate 1
- AOS 111 Business Communications 3
- AOS 122 Business Mathematics 3
- CIT 119 Introduction to Office Software . . . 3

Total Hours for Certificate 21

Typical Careers *

- Accounting Clerk
- Accounting Manager
- Bookkeeper
- Business Analyst
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Cost Accountant
- Financial Analyst
- Forensic Accountant
- General Accountant
- Staff Accountant
- Treasurer

Job Outlook *

Employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations through the year 2014.

Most Popular Transfer Schools

- Northern Illinois University
- Roosevelt University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- Western Illinois University

* Career information is based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Chicagoland area.



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TRANSFER DEGREE PROGRAM AREA OF CONCENTRATION: ACCOUNTING

I. College Requirements*

II. General Education Requirements 37

A. Communication Arts 9

CMM 121 Fundamentals of Speech 3

ENG 121 English Composition I 3

ENG 122 English Composition II **or**

ENG126 Advanced Composition: Scientific
and Technical Communication . . . 3

B. Social Sciences 9

Recommended Courses:

ECO 221 Principles of Macroeconomics . . . 3

ECO 222 Principles of Microeconomics . . . 3

Social Science Elective* 3

C. Physical and Life Sciences 7

Physical or Life Science with Lab Elective* . . 4

Physical or Life Science without Lab Elective*3

D. Mathematics 3

MTH Elective** 3

E. Humanities and Fine Arts 9

Recommended Humanities Courses:

HUM 127 Critical Thinking **or**

PHI 122 Logic 3

PHI 125 Introduction to Ethics 3

Fine Arts Elective* 3

III. International/Multicultural Requirement (I/M)

Select one course from the I/M list*; it can fulfill both the I/M requirement and a Social Science, Humanities, Fine Arts or elective requirement. A B.A. degree at many four-year colleges may require college-level foreign language.

IV. Area of Concentration/Elective Requirements 23

Recommended Courses:

ACC 121 Financial Accounting 4

ACC 122 Managerial Accounting 4

BUS 121 Introduction to Business 3

BUS 221 Business Law I 3

CIT 120 Introduction to Computers 3

Additional Electives as Needed 6

Transfer Program Notes

**MTH 222 and MTH 145 or MTH 224 are required for most Illinois colleges.

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PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING CERTIFICATE (Certificate) Plan 22AB

This certificate covers the body of knowledge necessary to prepare for the accounting portions of the Certified Public Accounting Exam. It is designed for individuals who already possess a bachelor's degree. It is strongly recommended that you take a CPA Review course prior to sitting for the exam.

ACC 221 Intermediate Accounting I 4

ACC 222 Intermediate Accounting II 4

ACC 212 Federal Tax Accounting I 3

ACC 213 Federal Tax Accounting II 3

ACC 214 Cost Accounting 3

ACC 270 Advanced Accounting 4

ACC 271 Auditing 3

BUS 221 Business Law I 3

BUS 222 Business Law II/Corporate
and Securities Law 3

Total Hours for Certificate 30

Complete CPA Requirements

To apply for the CPA examination, a candidate must have 150 semester hours of acceptable college level education, including at least a bachelor's degree. The total hours must include an accounting concentration or equivalent as determined by the Illinois Board of Examiners. Additional information and application can be obtained from the Illinois Board of Examiners, 100 Trade Center Drive, Suite 403, Champaign, Illinois 61820, telephone (217) 531-0950, fax (217) 531-0960. Illinois Board of Examiners Web site: www.illinois.cpa-exam.com.

At CLC students can take the following courses to prepare for this examination: ACC 121, 122, 212, 213, 214, 221, 222, 270, 271, BUS 221, 222, CIT 120, MTH 222, ECO 221 and ECO 222. Please contact us to determine what is your best plan of action.

How to Register

Visit www.clcillinois.edu/credit/register/ for steps on how to register.

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Student Experience

"This program offers a good deal of experience for anyone preparing for a career in the accounting profession. I feel I've learned a great deal at CLC. Recently that meant searching for and resolving accounting errors in a new payroll system for a large corporation. At another time it meant accounting for and gathering financial information for the Board of Directors of a non-profit organization. I appreciate the practical experience that the instructors bring to the classes and their understanding of the pressures students are under while preparing for a career and working full time. Ultimately, I hope to sit for my CPA certification. I highly recommend this program and CLC in particular."

-Penelope Seibert
Accounting Student

