

ACCOUNTING

Associate in Science

Why Study Accounting?

Accountants and auditors help ensure that firms are run efficiently, public records are kept accurately, and taxes are paid properly. Accounting career options for Certified Public Accountants also include assurance services, environmental accounting, forensic accounting, international accounting, and tax and financial planning. Job opportunities for those who earn CPA credentials are favorable. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2014 because of an increase in the number of businesses, changing financial laws and regulations, and greater scrutiny of company finances. This Associate in Science degree is recommended for students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree in accounting or business at a four-year institution.

Occupational Objectives

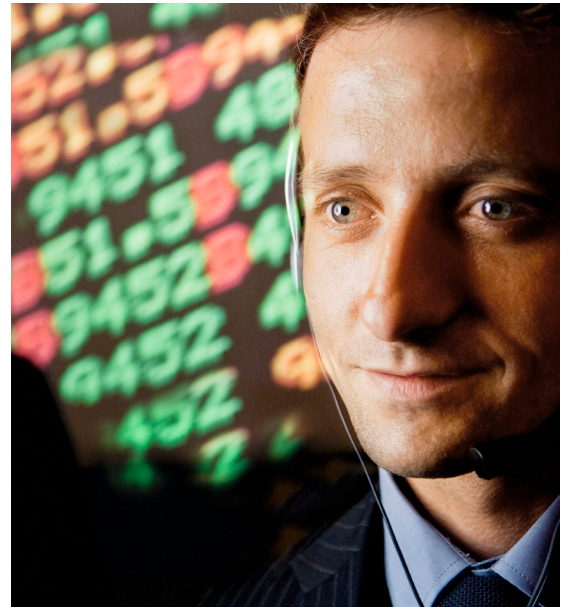
Upon graduation, students may find employment in small businesses, large corporations, accounting firms, and governmental organizations. Additional requirements are necessary for CPA eligibility.

Program Goals

- Encourage active informed citizenship and leadership in students through mastery of effective written and oral communication skills and thoughtful consideration of ethical issues in today's business world.
- Instill an appreciation and awareness of racial, ethnic, and gender issues in today's society.
- Provide a rigorous and dynamic interdisciplinary education that will motivate and prepare students for the challenges of accounting practices.
- Enhance the students' personal and professional development.

Opportunities at Rockland Community College

There are several opportunities to gain practical accounting skills through extra-curricular activities on campus such as an annual Entrepreneurial Business Plan Competition with cash awards (co-hosted by the local NY State Society of Certified Public Accountants and the RCC Business Department); Rotaract, sponsored by the Rotary Club of New City; and Alpha Beta Gamma, a business honor society established in 1970 to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students.



5 Top Reasons to Study Accounting at RCC

1. **VALUE:** Affordable tuition. Renowned honors program. Study abroad opportunities.
2. **TRANSFER:** Agreements with many four-year colleges for seamless transfer to pursue for a bachelor's degree.
3. **FLEXIBILITY:** Many courses are offered days, evenings, or online.
4. **CAREER:** Internships and an annual business plan competition provide networking with professionals and real-world experience.
5. **SUPPORT:** Dedicated and experienced faculty. Small class sizes. Free tutoring.



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Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will:

- Apply a comprehensive knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles.
- Use analysis, synthesis and evaluation skills to solve general accounting problems.
- Understand accounting and business terminology Used in business scenarios and be proficient with commonly used office software.
- Perform accurately and apply fundamental accounting process to properly record and interpret business transactions resulting in the generation of financial statements.

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This is an example of the courses you would take and the recommended course sequence. Please obtain an official degree sheet from your advisor.

AS Accounting _____ 69-70 Total Credits

First Semester Course

18-19 Credits

ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ACC 101	Principles of Accounting I	4
ECO 201	Microeconomics	3
SCI	Science General Ed course required	3-4
MAT 109 or MAT 203	Pre-Calculus or Calculus I	4
PED	Physical Education requirement	1

Second Semester

17 Credits

ENG 102	English Composition II	3
ACC 102	Principles of Accounting II	4
ART	Art General Ed course required	3
MGT/OFT 111	Spreadsheet & Database Management	3
Science	General Ed course required	3-4
PED	Physical Education requirement	1

Third Semester

17 Credits

ACC 201	Intermediate Accounting II	4
BUS 203	Business Law I	3
MAT 125	Statistics	4
PDA 101	Pluralism & Diversity in America	3
SPE 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3

Fourth Semester

17-18 Credits

ACC 202	Intermediate Accounting II	4
BUS 204	Business Law II	3
BUS/PHL 260	Business Ethics	3
MGT 150	Principles of Management	3
MKT 201	Marketing	3
PED	Physical Education requirement	1

“RCC provided me with a solid base of knowledge in different business subjects. By doing an internship, I made my final decision on my future.”

*–Nelli Biktacheva Voorheis '99,
Salomon Smith Barney
Merrill Lynch
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Wharton School of Finance
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