

Accounting Careers

Professionals in accounting fill a crucial role in managing business, industry and government by providing financial information that allows sound business decisions to be made. Accountants may work in public accounting firms, for management consultant firms or in government. Accountants may also be self-employed and work out of a private office or home.

Accountants prepare, analyze and verify financial reports and taxes. They also monitor and plan information systems that furnish data to business managers who must make the best decisions for their organizations and who also must comply with government regulations.

Accountants may concentrate on tax matters, consult and offer advice in specialties like compensation or employee health care benefits, design accounting and data processing systems or perform audits. Accountants who are management consultants are part of executive teams involved in strategic planning or new product development. Forensic accountants act as detectives who investigate complex financial transactions such as bankruptcies.

Job Outlook

Strong growth of accountants and auditor jobs over the 2006-16 decade is expected to result from stricter accounting and auditing regulations, along with an expanding economy. The best job prospects will be for accountants and auditors who have a college degree or any certification, but especially a CPA. This occupation will have a very large number of new jobs arise, almost 226,000 over the projections decade.

Earnings

According to a salary survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, bachelor's degree candidates in accounting received starting offers averaging \$46,718 a year in 2006; master's degree candidates in accounting were offered \$49,277 initially.

According to a 2007 salary survey conducted by Robert Half International, a staffing services firm specializing in accounting and finance, general accountants and internal auditors with up to 1 year of experience earned between \$31,500 and \$48,250 a year. Those with 1 to 3 years of experience earned between \$36,000 and \$60,000. Senior accountants and auditors earned between \$43,250 and \$79,250, managers between \$51,250 and \$101,500, and directors of accounting and internal auditing between \$68,000 and \$208,000. The variation in salaries reflects differences in size of firm, location, level of education, and professional credentials.

Related Careers

- Business Administration
- Budget Analysts
- Financial Analysts
- Financial Clerks
- Financial Managers
- Financial Services
- Government Accountants and Auditors
- Management Accountants and Internal Auditors
- Public Accountants

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Educational Opportunities in Accounting at LCCC

Associate of Applied Business in Accounting

This program prepares graduates for employment as accountants in business, industry and government. Many experienced accountants become owners/operators of their own public accounting firms. This program emphasizes the use of personal computers along with procedures of accounting.

Other Educational Opportunities at LCCC

- Certificate of Proficiency in Entrepreneurship
- Certificate of Proficiency in Office Assistant
- Certificate of Proficiency in Word/Information Processing
- Associate of Applied Business in Administrative Office Information Systems
- Associate of Applied Business in Financial Services
- Associate of Applied Business in Computer Information Systems (Network Communications Technology)
- Associate of Applied Business in Computer Information Systems (Software Development)
- Associate in Applied Business in Computer Information Systems (Web Development)
- Associate of Applied Business in Entrepreneurship
- Associate of Applied Business in Human Resources Management
- Associate of Applied Business in Hospitality and Tourism Management

Educational Opportunities in Accounting through LCCC's University Partnership

The University of Akron

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

The accounting curriculum in the George W. Daverio School of Accountancy is designed to prepare the student for professional service, including sitting for professional examinations and pursuing advanced study. Included in this program are approximately three years of LCCC coursework and one year (36 semester hours) is Akron coursework.

Kent State University

Bachelor of Business Administration-Business Management (Optional International Business Minor)

Kent's Business Administration (major in Business Management) degree provides students with credentials that are important to getting that first job in business as an entry-level manager or manager trainee. Organizations of all sizes and types depend on and need managers, including the small corner store, large department stores, accounting firms, retirement homes, manufacturing firms, specialty businesses, or larger international businesses. The program is designed so that approximately three years of this partnership is LCCC coursework and the final year (33 semester hours) is Kent coursework. Kent courses are taught by Kent faculty either in person or via distance learning. Students can complete the business degree with a business management major in its entirety on LCCC's campus.

International Business Minor Option

Global business is fast becoming an important part of the U.S. economy. The world that college graduates are facing will essentially be a triad of powers (the United States and, perhaps, Canada and Latin America; Europe; and Japan and its Asian neighbors) and a "borderless" world. This suggests a need to be trained for employment that will have international implications. Whether the student takes a major in business, fashion design and merchandising, the hard sciences, English or education, some training in global outreach, cultural diversity, and "business cultures" will be necessary.

About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of its programs and services through the opening of the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Wellington Center, Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria and the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 1300 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 35 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus offering 37 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, prepares students for real jobs and real futures. To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center, the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Learning Center in Wellington, the Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria or the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.

Many of These Programs Qualify for Work-Based Learning:

- Paid internships and co-op job opportunities
- Work experience related to your major
- College credits
- Technical electives
- Career success

Program Qualifications

- Enrollment in a qualified academic program
- Completion of at least 15 LCCC credit hours with six credits within your major
- An overall GPA of at least 2.0 and at least 2.5 within your major

For more information, contact LCCC Employment and Career Services at (440) 366-4076, e-mail careers@lorainccc.edu or visit www.lorainccc.edu/careers.



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