

POST BACCALAUREATE - CPA PREPARATION (CERTIFICATE)

ACC 284 CPA Review Course/Tax Compliance and Planning (TCP)

Total Hours 30

Business & Information Technology

Program website (<https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/business/accounting/professional-accounting-cpa-prep.php>)

Program Overview

This 30 credit-hour certificate is designed to provide individuals with the necessary accounting courses to qualify for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. The program is intended for individuals who already have a bachelor's degree and wish to transition to a career in the field of accounting.

To qualify for the CPA exam, a candidate must have a bachelor's degree and a total of 150 semester hours of credit, including 24 hours in business and a minimum of 30 hours in accounting. The 24 hours in business must include two hours in business communication (ENG 130) and three hours in business ethics (ACC 257 or PHI 150). Additionally, it is strongly recommended that the 24 business hours include at least three hours in business law. At Harper, ACC 211 and ACC 213 are available. The Illinois Board of Examiners provides more detailed information on educational requirements at www.ilboe.org (<https://www.ilboe.org/>). Harper will accept up to 15 credit hours in equivalent courses from regionally accredited institutions.

At Harper College, acceptable accounting courses include: ACC 101, ACC 102, ACC 201, ACC 202, ACC 203, ACC 211, ACC 251, ACC 254, ACC 255, ACC 257, ACC 261, ACC 281, ACC 282, ACC 283.

A wide variety of business courses are offered including ACC 211, ACC 213, CIS 101, ECO 211, ECO 212, FIN 215, MGT 111, MGT 218, MGT 270, MTH 124, MTH 225, PHI 150.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required		
ACC 101	Introduction to Financial Accounting	4
ACC 102	Introduction to Managerial Accounting	3
ACC 201	Intermediate Accounting I	3
ACC 202	Intermediate Accounting II	3
ACC 250	Individual Tax Accounting	3
ACC 251	Business Tax Accounting	3
ACC 254	Auditing	3
Electives		
Select 8 credit hours:		8
ACC 203	Cost Accounting	
ACC 255	Accounting Data Analytics	
ACC 257	Ethics and Tax Practices	
ACC 261	Tax Research	
ACC 265	Fraud Examination	
ACC 281	CPA Review Course/Audit and Attestation (AUD)	
ACC 282	CPA Review Course/Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR)	
ACC 283	CPA Review Course/Taxation and Regulation (REG)	

Gainful Employment

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