

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING



ADVANCE YOUR ACCOUNTING CAREER IN A WIDE RANGE OF FIELDS

High-quality accounting services have always been crucial to an organization's success. Nearly every industry requires skilled professionals who possess accounting knowledge and expertise. Turn your penchant for numbers into the accounting skills needed to build a successful career. Earning an associate's degree in accounting from Purdue University Global can help you prepare for a variety of entry-level opportunities in this dynamic career field.

WHY STUDY ACCOUNTING AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Earn your degree 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

TRANSFER CREDITS

Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements to accelerate completion of your degree and save on tuition. You can use prior academic, work, and military experience for credit.¹

FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from practicing professionals with extensive experience in accounting and education. All professors possess advanced academic degrees.

HANDS-ON, PRACTICAL EDUCATION

Apply the theories and concepts you learn to real-world accounting practices in your final capstone project.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

INTRODUCTORY TRIAL PERIOD

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.²

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.³



Purdue University Global business programs are accredited by the **Accrediting Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)**.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR EDUCATION AND CAREER

Build the Core Skills and Competencies That Employers Demand

- Analyze, record, and interpret accounting information based upon industry guidelines.
- Build, maintain, and operate a computerized accounting system using accounting software.
- Prepare payroll, financial statements, and tax documents according to federal and state regulations.
- Communicate complex financial and accounting information effectively.
- Develop high standards of integrity, ethics, and confidentiality.

Get a Head Start on Your Bachelor's Degree

By completing your associate's in accounting, you'll not only earn a valuable credential to make an immediate impact on your career, but you'll also lay the groundwork for your next degree. You can transfer your associate's degree into a Purdue Global bachelor's degree in accounting, covering at least half of the program's requirements.⁴

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum focuses on theories and principles relevant to the application of accounting functions in business. The courses are reviewed and revised continually by our dedicated curriculum department and advisory board to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

COURSES INCLUDE:

- Managerial Accounting
- Finance
- Marketing
- Federal Tax
- Business Math and Statistical Measures
- Introduction to Management

OUTCOMES

Gain skills and knowledge in the following areas:

Regulations: Recognize the impact of state and federal laws and regulations on business.

Management: Define the various tasks and responsibilities of managers in the organization.

Control: Recognize basic financial and accounting data that influence business activities.

Finance: Analyze financial data and demonstrate the ability to make informed financial decisions.

Accounting Solutions: Identify solutions to various accounting business demands by applying Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Technology: Use technology and software applications appropriate to the business environment.

PROGRAM DETAIL

Credit Hours: 90

Program Length: 1–2 years⁵

Course Load: 2 courses per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Delivery: 100% online

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- Bachelor of Science in Finance
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Master of Science in Accounting
- Master of Business Administration



"The University exceeded my expectations and changed my life on a positive level. I started with the goal of achieving my associate's degree, but now have decided to continue on to my bachelor's degree."

Rebecca Gallion

AAS in Accounting Graduate⁶

CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Employment of tax preparers is expected to grow faster than average from 2016 to 2026.⁷
- Employment of accountants and auditors is also expected to grow faster than average in that time period. This demand will be fueled by globalization, a growing economy, and a complex tax and regulatory environment.⁸

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES⁹

Roles

- Tax preparer
- Accounting clerk
- Auditing clerk
- Payroll and timekeeping clerk
- Bookkeeping clerk

Settings

- Accounting firms
- Corporate accounting or tax departments
- Not-for-profit organizations
- Large and small businesses
- Governmental agencies
- Public or private organizations

CAREER SERVICES

Our Career Specialists connect accounting students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

- Ambassadors and Leaders
- Business and Management Student Association

Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at HLCcommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.



This accolade was awarded prior to the March 2018 purchase of Kaplan University by Purdue University and subsequent creation of Purdue University Global. Purdue Global cannot guarantee future accolades.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **www.PurdueGlobal.edu**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

- 1 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 2 No financial obligation beyond the application fee. Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
- 3 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 4 Speak to an Advisor about transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 5 Purdue Global online associate's degree students who graduated in the 2017–2018 academic year and applied eligible external (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits earned an average of 45 credits or 4 terms toward their degree. This excludes undergraduate nursing students. Term estimates are based on completion of two 5- or 6-credit courses per term. Individual credits earned will vary. Please see the University Catalog for Purdue Global's Prior Learning Assessment policy. Source: Purdue Global Office of Records Analysis and Reporting.
- 6 This testimonial was obtained by Kaplan University. Purdue University acquired Kaplan University in March 2018 and created Purdue University Global, which is following the same curriculum format and instructional delivery methods as Kaplan University. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.
- 7 O*Net Online: *Summary Report for Tax Preparers*. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 8 U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Accountants and Auditors.
- 9 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Certain accounting positions may require further certification and/or licensing by individual states. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.