



**Master of Science in**

# ACCOUNTING

## **Come Back With More Accounting Expertise — and Career Opportunities**

With globalization and an increasingly complex tax and regulatory environment, the demand for accountants and auditors is continuing to grow. This means that there's no better time for you to start your comeback. Purdue Global's outcomes-based master's program helps you develop the skills and expertise required for management, consultant, or independent practitioner roles across a wide range of industries. Build the job proficiencies employers are looking for, gain a valuable professional credential, and prepare for additional industry certifications.



# Why Study Accounting at Purdue Global?

## Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

## Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the accounting field with a name that opens doors in your career.

## Faculty Expertise

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

## Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, 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.

## An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is backed by Purdue University. One of the most prestigious universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among *Fast Company* magazine's prestigious **World's Most Innovative Companies**.<sup>1</sup>



Purdue Global business programs are accredited by the **Accrediting Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)**. For more information on Purdue Global's ACBSP accreditation, visit [www.acbsp.org](http://www.acbsp.org).

# Program Outcomes Support Your Career Growth

BUILD THE CORE SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND	PREPARE FOR CERTIFICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Integrate accounting knowledge to take well-reasoned action in diverse situations.</li><li>▪ Assess accounting issues and opportunities in dynamic environments.</li><li>▪ Evaluate the ethical and social implications of business and accounting decisions in a global context.</li><li>▪ Evaluate the theory, principles, and practices of accounting and accounting information systems.</li><li>▪ Integrate challenging work that will prepare students for accounting professional exams.<sup>2</sup></li><li>▪ Communicate professionally through writing and presentations with stakeholders.</li></ul>	<p>Purdue Global's Master of Science in Accounting meets the educational requirements to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. To practice as a certified public accountant you will need to pass the CPA exam, meet additional state-specific educational requirements, and complete state-required work experience. See Terms and Conditions below for additional information.<sup>3</sup></p>

# Curriculum

All 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. The curriculum focuses on:

- Overall department management
- Generating and analyzing accounting data
- Creating quality improvement processes
- Compliance strategies and reimbursement procedures
- Conducting research
- Addressing risk management and legal issues

## Courses Include:

- Business Communications
- Advanced Auditing
- Ethical Issues in Business and Accounting
- Advanced Managerial/Cost Accounting
- Regulation
- Corporate Tax Decisions and Strategies
- Data Analytics for Accountants
- Financial Accounting and Reporting
- Accounting concentration courses

## Program Details

**Credit Hours:** 52 (13 courses total)

**Core:** 36 (9 courses)

**Electives:** 16 (4 courses)

**Program Length:** Less than 2 years of full-time study

**Course Load:** 1–2 courses per term

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

**Delivery:** 100% online

## Additional Programs

### Master's Degrees

- Business Administration (MBA)
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Management and Leadership

### Graduate Business Certificates

- Accounting
- Human Resources
- Project Management



I chose Purdue Global because I wanted an education from a reputable institution with a recognized name. I really wanted to get more in-depth learning and give myself the opportunity for advancement. I received that and so much more. I not only learned from top experts in the field, but I also learned confidence and endurance."

**Karin Ocegüera**

Master of Science in Accounting Graduate<sup>4</sup>

# Career and Networking Opportunities

## Industry Outlook<sup>5</sup>

- Employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow from 2023 to 2033.
- This will result in more than 130,800 new jobs.
- Those who have a master's in accounting may have better job prospects.
- A master's degree in accounting or higher is often necessary for certain positions.

## Career Pathways and Outcomes<sup>6</sup>

### Roles

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| ▪ Public accountant     | ▪ Tax accountant    |
| ▪ Management accountant | ▪ Financial manager |
| ▪ Government accountant | ▪ Budget analyst    |
| ▪ Internal auditor      |                     |

### Settings/Industries

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| ▪ Accounting firms                        | ▪ Large and small businesses |
| ▪ Corporate accounting or tax departments | ▪ Government agencies        |
| ▪ Not-for-profit organizations            |                              |

## The Center for Career Advancement

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

- Delta Mu Delta Honor Society
- Business and Management Student Association



## Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

## Military Friendly

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

**Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit [PurdueGlobal.edu](https://PurdueGlobal.edu).**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](https://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

1 <https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/2023>. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

2 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.

3 Purdue Global's Master of Science in Accounting meets the educational requirements to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. To practice as a certified public accountant you will need to pass the CPA exam, meet additional state-specific educational requirements, and complete state-required work experience. Guidance provided by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) recommends that you will first need to determine what state you plan to sit for the CPA Exam in, since the education requirements to sit for the CPA Exam vary by state. Some states require 120 total semester hours (180 quarter credit hours) to qualify to sit for the exam, while most states require 150 total semester hours (225 quarter credit hours). You must then review your state-specific educational requirements by visiting Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications page. For additional information on licensure and state-specific requirements, you should refer to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy website as well as your state's CPA licensing requirements, which can be found at the Accountancy Licensing Library.

4 This testimonial was obtained by Purdue Global. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; student experiences may vary.

5 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Accountants and Auditors. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

6 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary by organization.