ACCOUNTING

Program Number: 10-101-1
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Campus: Beaver Dam, Fond du Lac, West Bend, Online
This program is eligible for financial aid (http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/)

Turn your passion for numbers and details into a rewarding career—get started in the accounting associate degree program at Moraine Park Technical College and snag the job of your dreams in as little as two years.

About the Program

The Accounting Associate of Applied Science degree at Moraine Park—which is available on campus or online—gives students an in-depth look at all facets of the accounting world. Students learn about teamwork, communication skills and various accounting software programs. Students gain hands-on experience using computers to process financial data for reporting, planning, controlling and decision-making purposes. Graduates of the program are informed about ethical standards for accountants and the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

What You'll Learn

Students learn basic principles such as financial, cost, payroll, taxes, auditing and technology from expert instructors. Graduates of the program can process financial transactions, analyze financial and business information, and perform payroll preparation. They are also skilled in carrying out tax accounting preparation for businesses and individuals and identifying internal controls to reduce risk. Students in the program practice using and learning QuickBooks™ and graduates are able to adapt to new technologies.

Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable**, **accessible** and **convenient**. You can go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (https://www.morainepark.edu/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

Admission Process

Standard Admissions (http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/) steps details

Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/) page for more information.

Approximate Costs

Tuition

Occupational

- $157.45 per credit (resident)
- $236.18 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- $196.05 per credit (resident)
- $294.08 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

Student Fees

- $6.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- $14.17 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- $4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Cost of Tuition and Fees (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/billing/cost/) for additional enrollment fee information.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with 28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/)) is received.

Several factors influence the total cost of your degree, including enrollment fees, the number of credits required, textbooks and equipment. Financial aid (https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/) can assist with those costs.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
101-112	Accounting 1	4
101-138	Data Management, Analysis and Reporting	3
101-141	Payroll Accounting	3
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1
801-136	English Composition 1	3
890-101	College 101	2
Mathematics Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/mathematics/)		3
	Credits	**19**
Semester 2		
101-114	Accounting 2	4
101-123	Income Tax Accounting	3
101-134	Introduction to Finance	3
101-154	Applied Accounting	3

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Communication Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/communications/)		3
	Credits	**16**
Semester 3		
101-115	Accounting 3	4
101-125	Cost Management	3
101-130	QuickBooks	3
Behavioral Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
	Credits	**16**
Semester 4		
101-128 or 105-152	Auditing or Business Practicum	3
101-145	Integrated Accounting Applications	3
101-158	Accounting Capstone	3
105-160	Business Law	3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
	Credits	**15**
	Total Credits	**66**

Program Outcomes

- Process financial transactions throughout the accounting cycle.
- Analyze financial and business information to support planning and decision-making.
- Perform payroll preparation, reporting, and analysis tasks.
- Perform cost accounting preparation, reporting, and analysis tasks.
- Perform organizational and/or individual tax accounting preparation, reporting, and analysis tasks.
- Identify internal controls to reduce risk.

Pathways

- Accounting Associate Degree (p. 1)
  - Accounting Assistant Technical Diploma (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/accounting-assistant/)
    - Payroll Assistant Certificate (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/payroll-assistant-certificate/)
    - Tax Preparer Assistant Certificate (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/tax-preparer-assistant-certificate/)
  - Bookkeeper Technical Diploma (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/bookkeeper/)

Earn certificates, technical diplomas and an associate degree along this pathway. Start with some courses for entry-level employment, and continue with additional courses for higher wages and job advancement.

Career Opportunities

- Accountant
- Payroll Accountant
- Cost Accountant
- Staff Accountant
- Individual Income Tax Preparer

Estimated Salary Range

Average annual salaries for local workers in this career field range from $40,263 (entry level) to $55,379 (experienced worker).

Salary range estimates are based on wages for related occupations in the Moraine Park District as reported by Lightcast. Individual wages vary based on experience, industry, location and specific job requirements.

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