

TAX PREPARER ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

Program Number: 61-101-2
Certificate

Campus: Beaver Dam, Fond du Lac, West Bend, Online
This program is **not** eligible for financial aid

Learn to prepare taxes and start your career—or pick up a seasonal job —after only one semester with the Tax Preparer Assistant Certificate at MPTC.

About the Program

The Tax Preparer Assistant Certificate offers a blend of accounting principles with income tax accounting basics. Students also build a knowledge of formulas, worksheet building and decision-making in a business environment.

What You'll Learn

Students in the Tax Preparer Assistant Certificate focus on the process of preparing income taxes. Students are trained in the essentials of the Internal Revenue Code. Graduates are skilled at providing excellent customer service, locating necessary forms to complete taxes and identifying information.

Plus, all courses in this certificate directly transfer into the Accounting Assistant technical diploma (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/accounting-assistant/>) and Accounting associate degree (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/accounting/>).

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

NOTE: The fees below are 2025-2026 fees. They will be updated when 2026-2027 fees are approved.

Tuition

Occupational

- \$152.85 per credit (resident)
- \$229.28 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$192.20 per credit (resident)
- \$288.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

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

Student Fees

- \$5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$13.76 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- \$4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Courses		
101-112	Accounting 1	4
101-123	Income Tax Accounting	3
101-138	Data Management, Analysis and Reporting	3
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1
	Credits	11
	Total Credits	11

Pathways

- Accounting Associate Degree (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/accounting/>)
 - 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 (p. 1)
 - 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

- Tax Preparer Assistant