

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

In both the traditional and online accounting degree, students learn basic principles such as financial, cost, payroll, taxes, auditing and digital systems 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 skilled in multiple types of accounting software.

Transfer Opportunities

Earn credits at MPTC and transfer to a four-year college to earn your bachelor's degree.

Visit the Transfer Opportunities (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/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

Earn college credit outside the classroom through Moraine Park's Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities. Credit opportunities are available for:

- Previous college coursework from prior institutions
- Military training and experience
- Passing of MPTC or national exams
- Skills or knowledge developed on the job or through other life experiences

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

Approximate Costs

- \$141.00 per credit (resident)
- \$211.50 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.
- Please refer to the MPTC Student Handbook (<http://www.morainepark.edu/studenthandbook/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is provided to aid eligible associate degree and technical diploma programs with 28 credits or more. Processing can take 6-8 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received. Visit the Financial Aid (<https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/>) page to learn more.

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/academic-programming/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
Communication Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/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/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/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/academic-programming/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/programs/accounting-assistant/>)
 - Payroll Assistant Certificate (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/payroll-assistant-certificate/>)
 - Tax Preparer Assistant Certificate (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/tax-preparer-assistant-certificate/>)
 - Bookkeeper Technical Diploma (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/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

Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$38,759