

PROGRAM OF STUDY: Advanced Accounting



This Program of Study may serve as a graduation guide for the next four plus years, along with other career planning and educational materials. Courses listed in this model may include recommended coursework and should be individualized to students' educational and career goals. Each graduation plan needs to meet minimum high school graduation requirements. Dual Enrollment courses can be high school academic and/or career technical education courses.

	SECONDARY:					POSTSECONDARY:		
COURSE/ GRADE	NINTH	TENTH	ELEVENTH	TWELFTH		TCC	DIPLOMA OR AAS	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
ENGLISH	9 th grade Lit/ Composition	10 th grade Lit/ Composition	American Lit/ Composition	World Lit/ Composition / British Lit	Entrance/Exit Point	OA31 TCC Office Accounting Specialist	Entrance/Exit Point	Entrance/Exit Point
MATHEMATICS	Coordinate Algebra / Algebra I	Analytic Geometry / Geometry	Advanced Algebra / Algebra II	Pre-calculus				
SCIENCE	Physical Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics				
SOCIAL STUDIES	World History	Psychology	US History	Government (½ unit) Economics (½ unit)				
PATHWAY COMPLETER	Introduction to Business and Technology	Principles of Accounting I **	Principles of Accounting II	Another course in focus area, Work-Based Learning, or Youth Apprenticeship				
Industry Recognized Credential (Pathway Completer)		Visit the End of Pathway Assessment Page (see note below)						
Required/ Selective Electives	Health & Personal Fitness (can be taken in grades 9-12)	Financial Literacy	Entrepreneurship	Statistics				
	Modern Language/Latin 2 units required for admissions to Georgia University System Colleges/Universities For a listing of Modern Language/Latin courses offered at your high school, please contact your advisor, counselor, or curriculum handbook.		Other Electives For a listing of other elective courses offered at your high school, please check with your advisor, counselor, or curriculum handbook.					
						Find the campus for the TCC options	Completion of the OA31 TCC leads to the Accounting diploma (AC 12) and Accounting degree (AC13).	Find the campus for the Diploma, Degree options
						The University System of Georgia offers students' higher education options at 30 institutions throughout the state, providing a wide range of academic programming including certificates and associate, baccalaureate, masters, doctoral and professional degrees. https://apps.ds.usg.edu/ords/ ?p=118:1:0		

NOTE: Students have many options to **ENTER** and **EXIT** from their academic studies into the workforce. When a student graduates from high school, they are eligible to choose one of many **ENTRANCE POINT** options: **1.** Enroll in either a 2 or 4 year post-secondary program; **2.** Enroll in an apprenticeship program or the military; or **3.** Enter the workforce using technical skills learned in high school. When a student finishes a 2- or 4-year degree program, they may choose to **EXIT** and **1.** Enroll in an apprenticeship program or the military; **2.** Enroll in a professional university degree program; or **3.** Enter the workforce using technical skills learned.

Advanced Accounting Career Pathway Completers - Industry Credentialing for High School Students

Upon completion of sequenced courses in the Advanced Accounting Pathway, students are eligible to complete the Industry-Recognized student credential for fulfillment of the End of Pathway Assessment. Secondary students completing the Advanced Accounting pathway will be able to sit for the National Industry Credentialed assessment offered on-line from NOCTI and QuickBooks. Once mastery is reached, students will receive recognition for completion and use this credential in conjunction with their job or continuing training. For specific assessment information, refer to: <http://bit.ly/GAFinance>

** = Statewide Articulation

Sample In Demand Careers in Georgia

Occupation Specialties	Level of Education Needed	Georgia Average Salary	Annual Average Openings in Georgia	2014 – 2024 Employment Outlook
Accountants and Auditors	Bachelor's Degree	\$78,643	1,987	In Demand, High Skill
Budget Analysts	Bachelor's Degree	\$73,274	44	In Demand, High Skill
Actuaries	Bachelor's Degree	\$113,309	20	High Skill, High Wage, High Wage
Bookkeeping, Accounting, Auditing Clerks	Some postsecondary, no degree required	\$37,717	4,851	High Skill, In Demand

[Data link here.](#)

Go to [GAfutures at www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) for more information about your education and career planning, including valuable financial information (grants and scholarships including HOPE Program, grants and loans, FAFSA, and CSS forms).

Career Enhancement Opportunities	Career-Related Education Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Awareness Career Exploration Instructional Related Connecting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work-Based Learning Employability Skill Dev. Cooperative Education Internship Youth Apprenticeship Clinicals 	Postsecondary Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-Year Universities/Colleges 2-Year Colleges Technical Colleges State Registered Apprenticeships Special Purpose Schools On-the-Job Training Military 	Earning Postsecondary Credits While in High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dual Enrollment Program Earn postsecondary credit while in high school You can complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry Credential Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) Associates of Applied Science Degree Bachelor's Degree Who can help? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents School Counselor Advisor
	Postsecondary Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University System of Georgia Institutions: Admissions Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACT or SAT For More Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the institution of your choice OR Technical College System of Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placement Exam United States Military <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASVAB Assessment Use BRIDGE Law platform to inform decisions on postsecondary opportunities Dual Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earning high school course credits while taking college courses 		
Related Pathway Occupations		Other Related Occupations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost Estimators Personal Financial Advisors Tax Examiners and Collectors Tax Preparers Economists Credit Analysts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Scientists Administrative Support Specialists Actuaries Health Specialists Accountants 	
*ONET Online			

Advanced Accounting Pathway Description

Strong growth in accounting jobs throughout the next decade is expected to occur due to the growing number of new businesses and stricter accounting and auditing regulations. Accountants and auditors gather, analyze, and ensure the accuracy of financial information. Growth will be slightly slowed in some sectors because many individuals and small businesses may choose to use special accounting software. Even people who use the software, however, will still need to contact accountants for various financial needs.

Four major specialties make up the accounting industry. About eleven percent of public accountants own their own businesses, and others work for accounting firms. Their clients are either individuals or businesses. Management accountants work for corporations as part of the company's management team, checking the company's financial records as well as developing budgets and providing cost analysis information. Government accountants maintain and inspect records of government agencies. Internal auditors usually work for a company to ensure that the company's financial information and records are accurate.

Because of numerous accounting scandals, professional certification is important to ensure that an accountant's credentials and ethics are sound. Regardless of the specialty, accountants and auditors who have earned certification or licensure will have the best job prospects. Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) are licensed by their State Board of Accountancy.

Most states require CPA candidates to be college graduates. Graduates of 2-year, technical, or business schools can obtain junior accounting positions and advance to accountant positions by demonstrating accounting skills on the job. Most accountants' earnings are good, but vary in relation to size of firm, location, level of education, and professional credentials.