

ACCOUNTING & TAX PROGRAM

Accounting offers practical and theoretical courses for students interested in tax preparation, bookkeeping, and other accounting career paths such as the CPA and CMA certifications. Students learn how to construct and analyze financial information for the purposes of making business decisions.

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The accounting program at MiraCosta is designed to provide relevant instruction in the accounting profession both for transfer and the bookkeeping and tax preparation fields. The program gives students both the theoretical and hands-on experience needed to establish and advance their career with flexible courses that meet days, evenings, weekends, and online. Experienced instructors bring the subject matter to life and provide a rewarding educational experience.

Courses include financial and managerial accounting; individual tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll; as well as business taxation and IRS tax volunteer preparation.

Students take accounting and tax program courses to prepare for the major, complete job-related certificates, earn continuing education units (CEUs) for professional licenses, and fulfill general education requirements.

GAIN EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Activities outside the classroom include industry tours, internships, and guest speakers from professionals in the field.



DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

Certificates of Proficiency are designed to be the first step in a career ladder through the introduction to one aspect of a trade or occupation.

- Accounting Assistant
- Income Tax Preparer
- Income Tax Professional
- Payroll Professional

Certificates of Achievement quickly prepare students for immediate employment in specific accounting career areas.

- Accounting
- Bookkeeping

Associate Degrees in Accounting are offered to provide students with the hands-on knowledge and skills to secure a career in the field. An associate degree requires completion of a Certificate of Achievement and general education courses specified in the MiraCosta College catalog.

- Accounting
- Bookkeeping

For more information about associate degrees and certificates, please contact the Counseling Department at 760.795.6670.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

A primary goal of the accounting and tax programs are to prepare students for professional certifications and affiliations designed to enhance opportunities for entry to and advancement within the accounting profession. These include:

- California Registered Tax Preparer (CRTP)
- Enrolled Agent Exam (EA)
- Fundamental Payroll Certification (FPC)
- Certified Bookkeeper Designation (CB)

INDUSTRY WAGES & JOBS AVAILABLE

Student wages before and after taking classes in accounting:



Top In-Demand Jobs in the San Diego Region

| Accounting Related Occupations | Hourly Wages |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Billing Clerk | \$12.73-\$26.46 |
| Bookkeeper/Accounting Clerk | \$13.40-\$29.53 |
| Payroll Specialist | \$14.94-\$30.52 |
| Tax Preparer | \$15.03-\$48.09 |
| Accountant/CPA | \$21.79-\$55.30 |

WHO IS HIRING?

Top employers in the San Diego Region hiring for accounting-related jobs include (*partial list*):

- General Atomics
- H&R Block
- Scripps Health
- University of California San Diego
- Marriott, Inc.
- Hilton
- KPMG
- LPL Financial
- Intuit
- Suna Solutions



"The faculty's sincere passion for teaching is easily transmissible to students and truly makes the Accounting Program a success. It completely changed my life."
—Perla Enriquez, 2018 graduate