

Accounting, BAS


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180 credits

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Accounting program is designed to prepare students for employment in a variety of accounting and auditing positions, such as: accountant, cost accountant, tax accountant, managerial accountant, forensic accountant, auditor, financial auditor, internal auditor, and management advisory services consultant.

The BAS in Accounting program enables an individual to combine their career and technical or academic transfer associate degree with upper-division credits, resulting in a unique applied bachelor's degree. This program provides instruction and training on topics and skills needed by today's employers, including intermediate accounting, information systems and controls, cost accounting, taxation, and finance, with emphasis on business analytics. The program culminates in an internship or capstone experience. This program includes the breadth and academic rigor required for students who wish to continue their studies at the master's level.

In addition to being prepared for employment in the accounting field and additional studies, graduates of this program may be eligible to take the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) Exam and/or CMA (Certified Management Accountant) Exam in Washington State. In addition to passing the CPA/CMA Exam, additional college credits and prescribed work experience are required for licensure/certification. For information on becoming a CPA, visit the Washington State Board of Accountancy: <https://acb.wa.gov/> For information on becoming a CMA, visit the IMA website: <https://www.imanet.org/>

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Program Website: BAS in Accounting | <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/degrees-programs/accounting/>

Entry Requirements

The entry requirements for the BAS in Accounting program provide access to students from both career and technical programs and academic transfer programs. These requirements ensure that prospective students are prepared for success in the program. Entry requirements are:

- **Possess an associate degree** (AAA, AAS, AAS-T, AA, AB, or AS) or higher from a regionally accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Ideal associate degrees include:
 - AAA, AAS, or AAS-T in Accounting ([Accounting, AAA](#))
 - AAA, AAS, or AAS-T in Business, Business Management, or related field ([Business Management, AAA](#))
 - [Associate in Business, AB-DTA/MRP](#)
- **Completion of the following courses prior to beginning the program:**
 - [ACCT& 201](#) (OR [ACCT 110](#) **AND** [ACCT 111](#)) with a grade of 2.0 or higher
 - [ACCT& 202](#) (OR [ACCT 113](#)) with a grade of 2.0 or higher
 - [ACCT& 203](#) with a grade of 2.0 or higher
 - [ENGL& 101](#); OR [ENGL 126](#); OR [ENGL 127](#); OR [ENGL 128](#); OR [ENGL& 235](#) with a grade of 2.0 or higher
 - [MATH 96](#) OR [MATH 97](#) OR any MATH class numbered 100 or higher with a grade of 2.0 or higher; OR appropriate math placement for [MATH& 146](#)

Note: Students who may not meet all the entry requirements are encouraged to contact the Program Manager or Program Director to discuss and, as needed, develop an educational plan to prepare for entry into the program.

Students must submit an application and be accepted into the program prior to enrolling in any 300- or 400-level course.

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Washington, USA

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Salary Range

50th Percentile (Median)

Overview

39,814

Currently Employed

\$78,218

Average Salary

1,118

Job Postings

Employment Trends

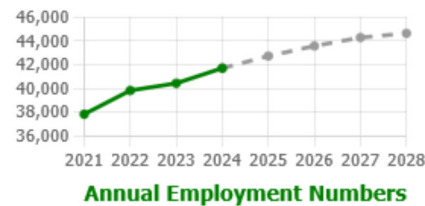
10.2% **7%**

Past Growth

2021-2024

Projected Growth

2024-2028



Top Occupations by Income

Accountants and Auditors **\$80,564**

Tax Examiners and Collectors, and Revenue Agents **\$75,872**

About this data

Graduation Requirements

- Completion of an associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university is required to graduate from this program.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Program Outcomes

Students who successfully complete this program will be able to:

1. Apply the accounting concepts, principles, and standards of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to the measurement and reporting of economic transactions.
2. Analyze data, using common data analytics tools, to support organizational decision making.
3. Analyze and apply information systems concepts to the accounting process.

4. Analyze, interpret, and audit financial statements and other quantitative and qualitative accounting and finance data.
5. Use cost management systems and techniques, including budgeting and variance analysis to inform organizational decision making.
6. Apply U.S. federal income tax rules, prepare federal income tax returns for individuals and businesses, and explain tax implications of business decisions.
7. Apply best practices to foster diverse, equitable, and inclusive teams and organizations.
8. Drawing on experience gained throughout the program, demonstrate knowledge, technical skills, communication and interpersonal skills, and a professional attitude in a capstone internship or project.
9. Demonstrate the ability to pursue next steps for career and professional development in the accounting and auditing industry.

General Education Requirements (50 credits)

Communication Skills (10 credits)

- ENGL& 101 - English Composition I Credits: 5

And choose one of the following:

- ENGL 126 - Writing: Humanities Credits: 5
- ENGL 127 - Writing: Social Science Credits: 5
- ENGL 128 - Research Writing: Science/Engineering/Business Credits: 5
- ENGL& 235 - Introduction to Technical Communication Credits: 5

Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Skills (5 credits)

Choose one of the following:

- MATH& 146 - Introduction to Statistics Credits: 5
- MATH 256 - Statistics for Business and Social Science Credits: 5

Humanities (5 credits)

Choose one of the following:

- CMST& 101 - Introduction to Communication Credits: 5
- CMST& 210 - Interpersonal Communication Credits: 5
- CMST& 220 - Public Speaking Credits: 5
- CMST& 230 - Small Group Communication Credits: 5

Social Science (5 credits)

Choose one of the following:

- BUS& 101 - Introduction to Business Credits: 5
- BUS 181 - Introduction to International Business Credits: 5
- Or any 5 credits from the Social Science Distribution list.

Natural Science (5 credits)

Five credits Natural Science lab course in List A from distribution course list.

- N 1 - Natural Science List A (Lab) Credits: 5

Additional General Education (20 credits)

- ACCT& 203 - Principles of Accounting III Credits: 5

- BUS& 201 - Business Law and the Regulation of Business Credits: 5
or
- POLS& 200 - Introduction to Law: United States Credits: 5

- ECON& 201 - Micro Economics Credits: 5
or
- ECON& 202 - Macro Economics Credits: 5

- ACCT& 201 - Principles of Accounting I Credits: 5
or
Any 5 credits from Humanities/Fine Arts/English Distribution, Social Science Distribution, or Natural Science Distribution courses or Generally Transferrable course list.

Core Requirements (60 credits)

- ACCT 301 - Intermediate Accounting I Credits: 5
- ACCT 302 - Intermediate Accounting II Credits: 5
- ACCT 303 - Intermediate Accounting III Credits: 5
- ACCT 394 - Special Topics: Accounting Credits: 5
- ACCT 410 - Cost Accounting Credits: 5
- ACCT 411 - Auditing Credits: 5
- ACCT 430 - Accounting Information Systems and Controls Credits: 5
- ACCT 450 - Business Taxation Credits: 5
- ACCT 480 - Business Analytics in Accounting Credits: 5
- ACCT 490 - Accounting Internship/Capstone Credits: 5
- MGMT 344 - Corporate Finance I Credits: 5
- MGMT 400 - Applied Professional and Career Development Credits: 3
- MGMT 403 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the Workplace Credits: 2

Required Additional Credits (70 credits)

- ACCT 110 - Practical Accounting 1 Credits: 5
and
- ACCT 111 - Practical Accounting 2 Credits: 5
(only if ACCT& 201 is not taken) *program entry requirement*

- ACCT& 202 - Principles of Accounting II Credits: 5
or
- ACCT 113 - Practical Accounting 3 Credits: 5
program entry requirement

- ACCT 212 - QuickBooks for Accounting Credits: 5
- ACCT 218 - Individual Taxation Credits: 5

- BTAC 162 - Introduction to Excel Credits: 5
or
- BTAC 163 - Advanced Excel Credits: 5

- SDEV 101 - Data Analytics Technologies Credits: 5

35-45 Additional credits from an associate degree; or elective credit from any course numbered 100 or higher not used to satisfy other requirements.

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