

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

ACCOUNTING

AREA - PUBLIC ACCOUNTING

Auditing/Assurance Services

Taxes

Environmental Accounting

Forensic/Investigative Accounting

Information Technology Services

International Accounting

Personal Financial Planning

EMPLOYERS

Large/multinational, Regional, or Local Public accounting firms

Sole practitioners

STRATEGIES

Public accounting firms hire candidates who meet the educational requirements for sitting for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam: 150 hours of education including 24 hours of accounting, i.e. the equivalent of an undergraduate degree in accounting. State laws govern the practice of accountancy and specify the requirements to be eligible to sit for the CPA exam. In most states, the State Board of Accountancy has a website that outlines those requirements.

AREA - CORPORATE ACCOUNTING

Financial Management

Financial Reporting

Internal Auditing

Cost Accounting

Tax Planning

Budget Analysis

EMPLOYERS

Companies of all sizes, in all industries

STRATEGIES

Many managers in corporate settings obtain an MBA degree after several years of work experience.

AREA - GOVERNMENT

Auditing

Financial Reporting

Financial Management

Budget Analysis

Research

EMPLOYERS

Federal agencies and departments including: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, General Accounting Office, Office of Management and Budget, Securities Exchange Commission, and State and local agencies.

STRATEGIES

Become familiar with the government application process.

AREA - EDUCATION

Teaching
Research
Consulting

EMPLOYERS

Universities and colleges

STRATEGIES

A Ph.D. in Accounting or a DBA, Doctorate in Business Administration, in accounting is generally required. Maintain a high GPA and secure strong faculty recommendations for admittance into graduate school.

AREA - NON-PROFIT

Accounting
Internal Audit
Financial Planning
Budgeting
Money Handling
Record Keeping

EMPLOYERS

Social service agencies and organizations
Hospitals
Public school systems
Universities and colleges
Religious organizations
Libraries and museums
Political parties
Labor unions

STRATEGIES

Volunteer at non-profit organizations and build a network of contacts in the non-profit sector.

Resource: <http://www2.washjeff.edu/careerservicesmajors/html/accounting.htm>