

# Master of Professional Accounting

The Master of Professional Accounting is designed to provide students with the skills and competencies necessary to pursue a career in accounting. This program aims to enable graduates to analyse, research and make informed recommendations with respect to a broad range of accounting problems and issues. In addition, graduates will acquire knowledge of essential accounting principles, practices and techniques and be able to apply these to a variety of situations, including auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and management accounting. Graduates should be able to make effective accounting decisions individually and be able to function effectively in a team environment. They should have an appreciation of the ethical, legal and professional dynamics of accounting and the accounting profession.

## Who should study this program?

This course is designed for students who have an undergraduate degree but who have had little exposure to accounting to meet the entry requirements of professional accounting bodies. You will acquire knowledge and skills to maximise the financial and other resources of an organisation across all business areas, including marketing, economics, finance, human resource management and business information systems. You will also be exposed to the ethical, legal and professional dynamics of accounting and the accounting profession.

Students without a Bachelor degree but with two years professional experience may apply for the Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting. The Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting articulates into the Master of Professional Accounting.

## Accreditation

The Master of Professional Accounting is accredited by CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (CA) and satisfies the requirements for entry (pathway) into the Professional Level Program (CPA) and the Graduate Diploma of Chartered Accounting (CA).



## Pathways

Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting – 1 semester full-time (4 units)

Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting – 1 year full-time (8 Units)

## Further study

The Master of Professional Accounting (Advanced) is a two-year program for students wanting to include a research component in their degree or for students without an undergraduate degree who are seeking professional accounting body recognition.

## Dual degree

Students may also enrol in a Master of Professional Accounting / Master of Business Administration dual degree.

## The ACU Business Foundation Scholarship for Postgraduate Study

The ACU Business Foundation Scholarship is available to all postgraduate students who are eligible to enrol in a postgraduate degree. Eligibility will be on the grounds of academic achievement, professional experience and a commitment to making a positive contribution to self and society.

Simply apply online at [www.acu.edu.au/business\\_scholarships](http://www.acu.edu.au/business_scholarships)

## Entry requirements and how to apply

Applicants must have an overall academic IELTS of 6.5 (with an individual score of 6.0 for all tests) as well as the equivalent of an Australian Bachelor degree in any discipline or a Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting. Applicants without a Bachelor degree but with two years professional experience in management/ leadership positions may apply for the Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting.

## Commencement

February 2013, July 2013.

## Duration

1.5 years full-time, or equivalent part-time.

## Admission

Students should apply via direct application to ACU.

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Year 1				
<b>Semester 1</b>	Accounting for Decision-Making	Finance and Quantitative Methods	Organisational Dynamics & Behaviour	Commercial & Corporations Law
<b>Semester 2</b>	Strategic Management for Sustainability	Australian Auditing & Assurance Systems)	Advanced Consumer Behaviour	Strategic Managerial Accounting
Year 2				
<b>Semester 1</b>	Taxation Law	Accounting & Accountability	Accounting for Corporate Structures	Strategic Resource Management

For further information on entry requirements, being an international student at ACU and how to apply for the Master of Professional Accounting see [www.acu.edu.au/international](http://www.acu.edu.au/international)

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