What Can I Do With A Major In:
Accounting

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DESCRIPTION
Analyze financial information and prepare financial reports to determine or maintain record of assets, liabilities, profit and loss, tax liability, or other financial activities within an organization.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

| Account Manager | Business Analyst | Financial Due Diligence Associate |
| Accountant     | Business Consultant | Investment Associate |
| Agent          | Certified Public Accountant | Investment Banking Analyst |
| Analyst        | Consultant         | Implementation Consultant |
| Assistant Controller | Cost Accountant | Mutual Funds Trade Settlement |
| Audit Accountant | Corporate Accountant | Specialist |
| Audit Associate | Credit Analyst | Risk Analyst |
| Audit Staff    | External Financial Auditor | Staff Auditor |
| Auditor        | Financial Analyst | Staff Accountant |
| Bookkeeper     | Financial Consultant | |

WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?
Private accounting firms | Non-profit organizations | Government agencies | Businesses and industries | Tax preparation companies | Hospitals and health organizations | Banks and other financial organizations.

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION
At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving college credit. Generally, three hours of general elective credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.

Each fall the Accounting Department holds an Accounting Career Day where WCU hosts employers for on-campus interviews. Employers from business, government, and not-for-profit organizations come to campus to interview both undergraduate and graduate students for full-time, part-time, and internship positions. The department also holds a "Meet the Firms” night in Asheville each year. These functions give students opportunities to meet local employers.

Many local businesses have hired WCU students as accounting interns. Some of these include:

- Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club
- General Dynamics Information Technology
- Underwood
- Johnson, Price and Sprinkle
- Dills & Associates
- Ray Bumgarner Kingshill
- Crawley Lee & Company
- Gould Killian
- Dixon Hughes
- High Hampton Inn
- Gabler, Molis & Company
- WCU Internal Audit Department
- Reznick Group

**WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?**


**THINKING, PLANNING AND ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS**

● The ability to learn, understand and interpret information and apply knowledge to new situations
● The ability to set priorities, meet deadlines and effectively plan/manage time, data and resources
● Problem-solving skills and the ability to make well-reasoned decisions, think creatively and search for, identify and consider all sides of an issue
● Skills to effectively analyze and interpret a wide range of information and data to discuss, support and/or reject ideas, opinions, reports, theories and proposals

Interested in the classes you’ll be taking? Check your eight semester program here: [http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/Acct_Eight_Semester_Plan-2012(2).pdf](http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/Acct_Eight_Semester_Plan-2012(2).pdf)

**PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES**

- American Accounting Association - [http://aaahq.org/index.cfm](http://aaahq.org/index.cfm)
- Institute of Internal Auditors - [www.theiia.org](http://www.theiia.org)
- Association of Government Accountants - [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)
- Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the “Groups You May Like” link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES**

- See the Accounting Career Center at: [http://www.accountingcoach.com/careers](http://www.accountingcoach.com/careers)
- Read NC state rules about taking the CPA exam in North Carolina: [http://www.nccpaboard.gov/applicants/](http://www.nccpaboard.gov/applicants/)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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