

Accounting



Career Pathways

Brown School of Business and Leadership

Overview:

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) described accounting as “the One Degree with 360 Degrees of Possibilities.” Accounting can prepare you to becoming partner in an accounting firm, work in the government, or even become an entrepreneur. In today’s society, accounting skills are very much in demand and job opportunities in today’s business climate are better than ever for accountants. At Stevenson, the accounting course of study emphasizes financial accounting at the intermediate level, cost accounting, tax accounting, auditing, international accounting, and business law. An accounting degree provides you with the opportunity to develop analytical, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills while helping you work on accuracy and attention to detail.

Acquired Skills **MOST** Valued by Employers:

- Understand/comply with ethical standards
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Oral/Written Communications
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Digital Technology
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Leadership
- Career Management
- Global/Intercultural Fluency

Common Pathways:

- Public Accountant
- Budgeting Analyst
- Staff Accountant
- Accounting Manager
- Cost Accountant
- Business Analyst
- Tax examiner and collector
- Revenue agent
- Auditor
- Treasurer
- Comptroller
- Management Analyst
- IT Consultant
- Teacher

Please note that some of these pathways require an advanced post bachelor’s degree

Common Industries:

- Corporate accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll services
- Consulting
- Accounting firms
- Federal, state, and local government
- Health
- Finance and insurance
- Education
- Non-Profit
- Manufacturing

Sample of Employers of Stevenson University students:

- Hertzbach & Company, P.A.
- T. Rowe Price
- Social Security Administration
- SC&H Group, LLC
- CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
- National Security Agency
- Northrop Grumman
- Katz Abosh
- CohnReznick, LLP
- Maryland Department of Environment
- Eberts & Harrison, Inc
- Weyrich, Cronin & Sorra, CPA
- Cohen and Co., PC
- SB & Company, LLC
- RSM US, LLP

Internship Sites for Stevenson Students:

- Stoy Malone & Co., PC
- Handwerger, Cardegna, Funkhouser & Lurman, CPA
- CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
- Department of Defense
- Northrop Grumman
- Gross Mendelsohn & Associates, CPA
- Hertzbach & Company, P.A.
- RLH CPAs
- L.K. Benson & Company P.C.
- Laura A. Barwick CPA, LLC
- Mister, Burton, & Associates, LLC
- French, Shepley & Strong, LLC
- RDA Corporation
- CohnReznick, LLP
- SC&H Group, LLC
- Biegel Waller Investment Advisory Services
- Varanko & Black, CPAs
- Weyrich, Cronin & Sorra, CPA
- William H. Davis, CPA
- Disney

Graduate Schools Attended by Stevenson Alumni:

- University of Baltimore
- Stevenson University
- University of Maryland University College
- Loyola University

An Employer's Perspective:

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow 13 percent from 2012 to 2022, about as fast as the average for all occupations." Employment growth for accounting is expected to be closely tied to the health of the overall economy. As the economy grows, accountants and auditors will be needed to prepare and examine financial records.

Stricter laws and regulations in the financial sector will likely increase the demand for accounting services as organizations seek to comply with new standards. In addition, tighter lending standards are expected to increase the importance of audits, a key way for organizations to demonstrate their creditworthiness. Globalization of business should lead to increased demand for accounting expertise and services related to international trade and international mergers and acquisitions.

Salaries:

According to the NACE Salary Survey, the average starting salary for accounting majors nationwide was \$55,264. However, salaries are dependent upon the industry, level of position, and geographical region. A few good resources for researching salaries of specific jobs within various industries are www.salary.com and www.payscale.com. You can also research accounting salaries through <http://www.roberthalf.com/finance/accountant-salary>.

