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MPAcc

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING

REAL life. *REAL* business.™

Why an MPAcc

REAL. competitive advantage.

The Butler Master of Professional Accounting degree (MPAcc) provides students with a real competitive advantage and offers financial reporting and tax tracks. Students can elect to take the Becker Fast Pass CPA Review Program or go on an international study trip and receive graduate credit.

The Indianapolis location and the Career Development office provide access to employers. This access, along with skill development and internship opportunities, results in a 100 percent placement rate for graduates.

Program Structure

The accounting track at Butler is a 150-hour program, resulting in both a Bachelor of Science in Business and a Master of Professional Accounting (MPAcc) degree.

The MPAcc degree is available to accounting graduates from other colleges and universities.

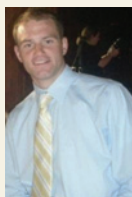
Why you need an MPAcc

The MPAcc degree will get you to the 150 credit hours required for CPA certification and will prepare you to sit for the CPA exam. CPA certification is a must for all who are entering the accounting profession, whether you pursue public or corporate accounting.

In addition, the MPAcc will provide you with enhanced skill development. It will prepare you for and help you plan your professional accounting career. The MPAcc will give you a competitive advantage in the market.

AACSB Accreditation

The College of Business is accredited by AACSB, which is the gold standard for business school accreditation. Only 5 percent of business schools worldwide have attained this level of accreditation.



"The MPAcc program has helped me fine-tune my fundamental accounting knowledge. The program provided constant challenges that helped me develop my critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Hands-on case studies and real-life situations are an integral part of the program and I have become more confident in my decision-making based on coursework.

The most valuable aspect of the MPAcc program is the accounting faculty. The small class size makes it easy to get one-on-one attention and each professor is personally invested in the success of the students. The hands-on approach is also very important, as the classes put me in situations that I will most likely see in my first few years in public accounting."

Rob Redden '11
Staff Auditor, Ernst & Young, Indianapolis

Program Features

Becker FastPass Class

The MPAcc offers a Becker CPA Review course for credit within the program. The Becker course is proven to help students prepare for, and pass, the CPA exam. The FastPass Course is an intensive, boot camp class designed to help students prepare for the CPA exam over the summer. It prepares students for the exam in a matter of weeks instead of months. The course covers the following topics in depth: financial statements, regulation, audit and general business concepts.

Real Business Cases and Situations

The MPAcc uses real business cases and situations to provide students with real experience. The leadership class is designed to develop student leadership skills in an accounting setting. Many of the advanced courses build upon earlier foundation classes to develop critical thinking, writing and oral presentation skills in a tax and corporate environment.

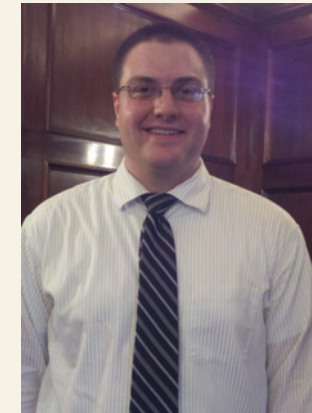
Tax and Financial Reporting Tracks

Concentrations are available in both tax and financial reporting. In the tax concentration, courses are offered in corporate and partnership tax, tax research, international taxation and more. Within the financial reporting concentration, courses cover such topics as financial statement analysis, business valuation, international corporate governance and corporate reporting.

Preparation for the Global Market

The MPAcc program covers important international topics such as international taxation, international corporate governance and International Financial Reporting Standards.

Students have the option to participate in a study trip abroad to learn about different accounting systems in another country. For example, students visited Chile to learn about companies adopting IFRS and the Chilean tax system.



"The MPAcc program focuses on real life cases and situations, which has helped prepare me for success on the CPA exam

and in my accounting career. Through the accounting program at Butler, I completed internships with the Treasury Department at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis and with Veros Partners in Indianapolis, where I prepared tax returns for individuals and businesses. I also helped the Business Consulting Group with bookkeeping and consulting projects. These opportunities provided me with hands-on experience and training for a successful accounting career."

Garrett Ogden '11
Tax Staff, BKD, LLP

MPAcc Curriculum

The MPAcc offers late afternoon and evening classes and can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis.

The MPAcc adds one year to the curriculum for Butler accounting majors. Non-Butler accounting graduates can complete the program in one to one-and-a-half years.

The program involves a 30-hour curriculum that includes 17 hours of core classes plus a nine-hour concentration in financial reporting or taxation plus four hours of electives. These electives may include the Becker CPA Review Course or an optional international study trip.

MPA Core

(17 required credit hours)

MPA508 Leadership (3 hours)

MPA511 Accounting for Business Combinations and International Accounting (3 hours)

MPA513 Applied Financial Accounting (3 hours)

MPA515 Taxes and Business Strategy (3 hours)

MPA527 Advanced Managerial Accounting (2 hours)

MPA578 Advanced Auditing (3 hours)

MPA Concentration Courses

(9 credit hours)

MPA571 Financial Statement Analysis & Valuation **FR** (3 hours)

MPA573 IT Auditing & Forensic Accounting **FR** (3 hours)

MPA581* International Corporate Governance and Financial Reporting **FR** (3 hours)

MPA583* International and Multi-State Taxation **TAX** (3 hours)

MPA585 Tax Research + Accounting Periods/Methods Not-For-Profits **TAX** (3 hours)

MPA587 Taxation of Corporations/Partnerships **TAX** (3 hours)

NOTE: Three **FR** courses equal a concentration in Financial Reporting; three **TAX** courses equal a concentration in Taxation.

MPA Electives

(4 credit hours)

MPA512 Accounting for Government, Not-For-Profit and Other Entities (2 hours)

MPA589 Advanced Law (2 hours)

MPA590 CPA Review Course (2 hours)

MBA564 Derivatives, Futures, Options, and Swaps (2 hours)

MPA594* Global Business Experience (2 hours)

NOTE: Students may count only one MBA course as a MPA elective.

*One of these international courses must be completed to satisfy the global requirement.



"The MPAcc focused on an understanding of technical accounting and a tailored "how-to guide" for managing teams, managing your career, communicating effectively and managing a work-life balance. I valued the class size and the flexibility of the program and faculty. The faculty worked with me to rearrange classes so that I could sit for the CPA. As a result, I passed all four parts of the exam before starting my job with E&Y."

Chelsea Jensen '11
Staff 1 Auditor, Ernst & Young, Chicago

Outcomes

Job Placement

100 percent placement rate for the last several years. Butler undergraduate students participate in a four-year, structured career development program with career mentor and two required internships. We work with a large network of employers and alumni and our graduates are in high demand.

Each fall, we host at least two evenings with representatives from the larger and regional public accounting firms. These firms come to campus to promote their internship programs and recruit students.

In addition, we have an active accounting club that organizes presentations and networking opportunities for students. For example, the group recently hosted representatives from the Internal Auditors Association who discussed careers in internal auditing.

Located in Indianapolis

Our location in the heart of Indianapolis is ideal for networking, internships and full-time employment opportunities. Through the MPAcc program, students interact with member of the Indiana CPA Society and the Indiana State Board of Accountancy.



"The objective of the MPAcc program is to prepare students for the CPA exam, and I was able to pass the exam before the start of my career. In studying for the exam and working for PwC, it is apparent that the knowledge I gained through the program is both relevant and applicable. It is a requirement at PwC to pass the exam to be eligible for promotion; therefore, the benefits of the program will be realized not only daily but over the course of my career."

Dan Halter '10
Assurance Associate, PwC

What Employers Say



"At BKD, we believe unmatched client service is the differentiator when selecting a CPA firm, and this level of understanding by our firm personnel requires a highly educated and well-rounded professional. These core competencies are acquired, refined and perfected through the Butler MPAcc degree and certification, further supported by BKD's commitment to providing scholarships to these highly trained and sought after accounting students."

Jason A. Myers
Manager, BKD LLP



"CPA certification is important for a financial career at Lilly. Beyond the professional importance of the certification, the real value comes from the continuing education requirements to maintain certification and the ongoing learning that results."

Arnold C. Hanish
Vice President-Finance and Chief Accounting Officer, Eli Lilly and Company



"I believe that there is tremendous value to an advanced graduate degree and believe that students who work toward this degree will be well-positioned for a career in accounting — and be a step ahead when they start. I consider the MPAcc degree to be a significant positive indicator when evaluating candidates. The commitment to pursue the degree and the benefits of the additional education are key indications of drive and the ability to step into a role and be an early contributor."

At Deloitte, we look for professional development from the consultant level throughout a career that may lead to partner. Additional education is another development tool for the professional to gain experience, perspective and maturity that will suit them well for future progression."

Jerry A. Wiley
Partner, Deloitte Tax LLP



"As an employer, I look to hire accounting graduates with CPA certification or those prepared to sit for the exam. Seeing this on a resume signals a candidate who is serious about their future. These graduates demonstrate an unmatched dedication to their chosen discipline and commitment to their profession, not to mention an ability to hit the ground running without the distraction of additional classes needed to qualify for the exam. Further, when I look to promote accountants on our team, a CPA is essential."

Christopher D. Pohl
V.P. Financial Operations, OneAmerica

"When making hiring decisions, I look for accountants that are CPA certified. These individuals have demonstrated that they have a greater aptitude to understand different aspects of accounting, including financial accounting, tax, auditing, accounting-related law and business environments."

Andy Giesler '00 MBA '04
Vice President of Finance, hhgregg



Admission and Tuition

MPAcc Admission

We welcome applications from Butler accounting students as well as graduates from other colleges and universities. Graduates from other colleges and universities will need to fulfill prerequisites prior to beginning the program. Download the MPAcc Admission PDF below for complete details.

MPAcc students are admitted for the fall semester only and the application deadline is July 1. Please note that Butler students are encouraged to apply in January before the start of their full-time internship.

The basic admission requirements include the GMAT and two letters of recommendation. Butler students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in AC301, AC302, AC325 and one upper level accounting elective may be granted permission to waive the GMAT and letters of recommendation.

For complete admission requirements and procedures, visit www.butler.edu/master-accounting.

Costs Less

The MPAcc degree is more affordable than you may think. The cost is lower than what other programs in the state charge and there are no hidden fees. The cost, combined with the features, results in a better value than other comparable programs in the area.

Financial Aid

For information, visit www.butler.edu/financial-aid. Please note that some of the accounting firms offer competitive scholarships to students that they are hiring.

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