



University Extension  
Professional Studies

# INVEST IN YOURSELF

## Specialized Study Program in Introduction to Accounting



**Whether you are working in finance already or aspire to do so, knowing the fundamentals of accounting practices and principles is the first step toward upward mobility in your career.** Prepare that base with introductory and intermediate topics that you can use regardless of which type of accounting you choose.

Understand the basics of accounting principles and theory, and discover strategies for using, communicating, processing, recording, and analyzing accounting information. Learn how these principles apply to a plethora of fields, including government, nonprofit organizations, and private companies. Boost that foundation with more advanced topics, such as interpretation, processing, and presentation of statements. Leave the program knowing tax planning, financial statement preparation, auditing, and more, and establish the career you've been aiming for.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Essential and intermediate accounting theory

Accounting principles and practices

The application of accounting in different organizations

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and principal accounting statements

Intermediate topics such as valuation, presentation, and control of assets



**TOTAL UNITS**  
8



**TUITION**  
\$1,435



**COMPLETION TIME**  
3 months



**FORMAT**  
Online



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## BENEFITS OF EARNING A CERTIFICATE

There are several reasons why, Bachelor's degree in hand, you might be considering continuing your studies. An upgraded education section on your resume can open the door to a new career, or, if you're already working, lead to a promotion and a higher salary. While you're working, going back to school is an excellent way to stay current in rapidly changing fields, or, if you've been away from the workforce for a while, to quickly get caught up in the latest trends, concepts, and advances.

While there are as many paths to follow, as there are reasons to follow them when approaching continuing education, there is enormous value in terms of time, financial investment, and personal flexibility while gaining practical training from working professionals in your industry that extends beyond the theory of the classroom and into the real world.

### KEY BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- UC quality curriculum
- Professional endorsements
- Schedule flexibility
- Variety of courses and programs
- Instruction from professional leaders in the industry

## PAY AS YOU GO



Pay per individual course as you register.

AVERAGE COURSE TUITION  
**\$630-680 PER (4 UNIT) COURSE**

\*Learn more about [tuition assistance](#).

## CAREER INFORMATION



### IN-DEMAND FIELD

Jobs are projected to grow at a rate of 15% over the next 5 years.



### STRONG EARNING POTENTIAL

Median Salary **\$72,712**



### VARIETY OF JOBS TO CHOOSE FROM

- Accountant
- Accounting Manager/Officer/Supervisor
- Business Analyst
- CPA
- Cost Accountant



### SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

- Mathematical Reasoning
- Number Facility
- Deductive Reasoning



### REALITY CHECK. WHAT YOU WILL DO ON THE JOB.

- Examine financial records or processes
- Analyze business or financial data
- Calculate tax information
- Prepare financial documents, reports, or budgets
- Maintain data in information systems or databases



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## STUDY PLAN

Our certificate programs are designed to be flexible, allowing you the option to take just a few courses or earn the complete certificate. If choosing to complete the certificate, we recommend you get the most out of your experience by following the suggested completion path below.

Required Courses		
QUARTER		UNITS
1	Principles of Accounting <a href="#">MGT X477.3</a>	4
	Financial Reporting <a href="#">MGT X468.1</a>	4

## ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP?

Schedule an appointment with a [Student Success Coach](#) to get started. [extension.ucr.edu/coach](http://extension.ucr.edu/coach)



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