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Both the Master of Professional Accountancy (MPAC) and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Accounting provide students with accounting essentials but prepare students for different career choices or to qualify to take the Texas Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam. **Strong growth is expected in the accounting field, with over 90,000 new accounting jobs forecasted by 2028 in the United States as well as strong job opportunities in Texas, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).**

MBA in Accounting	VS	MPAC
<p>For professionals pursuing advancement in the accounting field or for CPA eligibility, earning the UHD MBA in Accounting degree can open opportunities in a variety of accounting areas such as: public accounting, corporate accounting, tax consulting, internal auditing, and forensic accounting.</p>	 About	<p>The MPAC degree program is designed to prepare accounting students and professionals with the educational requirements needed to sit for the Texas CPA exam. The UHD MPAC curriculum meets the state of Texas CPA board approved requirements for tax research and analysis and ethics courses.</p>
<p><b>No Accounting Degree Necessary</b> Applicants who have earned a bachelor's degree in a discipline other than accounting, will need to complete 15 upper level prerequisite accounting hours that include: Intermediate Accounting sequence, Individual and Corporate Tax, and Auditing.</p>	 Academic Background	<p><b>Undergraduate Accounting Degree Preferred</b> Admission to the MPAC program requires applicants to have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division accounting courses in their undergraduate degree. The majority of MPAC students have earned their bachelor's degree in accounting prior to applying.</p>
<p><b>Complete Leveling Courses</b> Applicants who have earned an undergraduate degree in a field other than business, will need to complete the following leveling courses: GBA 5202, GBA 5204, GBA 5205, GBA 5206, GBA 5207, GBA 5208, and/or GBA 5212 up to a total of 20 credit hours. For course title and description, go to the UHD catalog.</p>	 Prior To Enrollment	<p><b>Complete Undergraduate Accounting Coursework</b> The MPAC degree builds upon potential applicants already acquired accounting skills. For a listing of required prerequisite courses, go to: <a href="https://www.uhd.edu/academics/business/graduate-programs/master-professional-accountancy/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.uhd.edu/academics/business/graduate-programs/master-professional-accountancy/Pages/default.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Complete in 1 to 3 years   39 credit hours</b> Courses are offered in an 8-week format. All leveling courses are offered online. The program can be completed in one, two, or three years depending upon a student's full-time or part-time enrollment status</p>	 Program Duration	<p><b>Complete in 1 to 2 years   30 credit hours</b> Courses are offered in the evening in both 8-week and 16-week formats. The degree can be completed in one or two years depending upon a student's full-time or part-time enrollment status.</p>
<p><b>Accounting Certificate is Available</b> An accounting certificate is available for MBA in Accounting students after completion of 19 hours in the accounting concentration. The graduate accounting certificate also provides an advantage to professionals who want to pursue C-suite management.</p>	 Accounting Certificate	<p><b>Accounting Certificate is Not Available</b> No - an accounting certificate is not available with the Master of Professional Accountancy degree.</p>
<p><b>MBA Soft Start – No GMAT required</b> Students who wish to pursue a "soft start" to the MBA program and bypass the GMAT requirement may do so, but should keep in mind that admissions to the MBA program will be <b>CONDITIONAL</b>.</p>	 GMAT Waiver	<p><b>GPA of at least 2.50 or a graduate degree</b> The GMAT is currently being waived for the MPAC program but may be a requirement in the future. Applicants are expected to have an overall GPA of at least a 2.50 in upper-division courses and an overall GPA of at least 2.75 in accounting courses.</p>
<p><b>Immediately Incorporate Takeaways</b> Earning an MBA in Accounting prepares students to deliver added value regardless of their position in the organization. The UHD MBA in Accounting degree is designed with takeaways that students can immediately incorporate into their work.</p>	 After Graduation	<p><b>Preparing for the CPA exam</b> The MPAC degree is designed for students who are preparing for the CPA exam. The UHD MPAC program meets the state of Texas academic requirements of the completion of 30 upper level accounting semester hours toward meeting the 150 hours required.</p>
<p><b>Seeking Career Advancement</b> Graduates of the UHD MBA in Accounting program often have experience in the industry and are seeking career advancement, or use their knowledge to start their own business.</p>	 Career	<p><b>Professional Accountants</b> Most MPAC graduates pursue careers as professional technical accountants with a goal of earning their CPA credentials and the knowledge base to lead other accountants in the field.</p>
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