

# MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY



## Salary Information

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the national average salary:

Accountant and Auditor:  
**\$71,550**

Financial Manager:  
**\$129,890**

Personal Financial Advisor:  
**\$87,850**

Top Executive:  
**\$104,690**

## You Can Earn This Degree

Downtown

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## Master of Professional Accountancy

The Master of Professional Accountancy (MPAC) degree program was designed to prepare individuals as leaders in the accounting profession with the educational requirement needed to sit for the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam.

Strong growth is expected in this sector, with over 90,000 new accounting jobs forecasted by 2028 in the United States alone, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In addition, advanced degrees like UHD's MPAC are known to offer a competitive advantage for analytical decision makers.

## About the Program

The UHD Master of Professional Accountancy (MPAC) program focuses on the upper level accounting courses required to sit for the CPA exam. Individuals interested in advancing their analytical decision-making skills through accounting would also be a good fit for this program.

Graduates of the MPAC degree program will be able to:

- Formulate accounting strategies and develop valuable critical thinking skills to assess business risks and make business decisions using latest analytical tools.
- Develop communication skills imperative for tomorrow's leaders.
- Work productively with others to accomplish established goals.
- Apply ethical principles and professional standards to make informed decisions.

To apply for this program, applicants must complete the ten (10) prerequisite courses:

- ACC 2301 Financial Accounting
- ACC 2302 Managerial Accounting
- ACC 3300 Intermediate Accounting I
- ACC 3301 Intermediate Accounting II
- ACC 3302 Intermediate Accounting III
- ACC 3303 Cost Accounting
- ACC 3304 Accounting Information Systems
- ACC 4301 Individual Income Taxation
- ACC 4302 Corporation Taxation
- ACC 4304 Auditing

Once the prerequisites are completed, students can choose the pace in which to complete the degree. The program was designed in a way that allows students to either opt to finish in as quickly as 12 months, or at the pace of their choice.

The MPAC program requires a minimum of 30 hours, comprised of:

- 18 hours of core classes
- 12 hours of prescribed electives (minimum of 6 hours)
- 6 hours of elective courses

## Career Options

There are many career opportunities that become available to people who choose to complete the MPAC degree. Individuals seeking a career change to the accounting field, or to improve their advancement opportunities, choose this program. As previously noted, this degree provides those seeking to take the CPA exam, the educational requirement they need to sit for it.

## Admissions

Applicants must complete and submit the following documentation directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions prior to the admissions deadline.

Deadlines: Fall = July 15; Spring = November 15

- Apply for admissions online via Apply Texas: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- Official transcript(s) from all post-secondary institutions attended. All documents must be received from the degree/credit granting institution. Evaluations from foreign institutions must include the course by course evaluation with GPA indication.
- Official GMAT score report **or waived for fast-track admissions.**
  1. **Undergraduate Degree Holders:** Overall GPA of at least 2.50 in upper-division courses with a minimum of 12 credit hours of upper-division Accounting courses, and an overall GPA of at least 2.75 in the Accounting courses from an AACSB- accredited university.
  2. **Advance Degree Holders:** Have an earned graduate degree in business from an AACSB-accredited university or a Ph.D., M.D., Ed.D., D.D.S. or J.D. from a regionally-accredited U.S. institution (or U.S. licensure).
- Official TOEFL results, if applicable. Minimum score: 81 for IBT (TOEFL) and 6.5 for IELTS exam.
- Completion of 10 accounting prerequisite courses.

## Course Offerings

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| MBA 6310 Advanced Taxation               | ACC 6311* Seminar in Financial Accounting                       |
| MBA 6312 Advanced Auditing               | ACC 6313* Analysis of Financial Statements and Entity Valuation |
| MBA 6314 Accounting Research & Writing   | ACC 6317* Advanced Managerial Accounting                        |
| MBA 6315 Advanced Accounting Topics      | ACC 6319* Taxation of Entities                                  |
| MBA 6316 Professionalism for Accountants | ACC 6320 Ethics and Legal Issues in Accounting                  |

\*It is recommended that students choose all four (4) prescribed electives, if interested in sitting for the CPA examination.