ACCOUNTING: QUICKBOOKS PROFESSIONAL, CERTIFICATE (215)

About Our Program

This certificate program prepares students for entry-level positions or for career advancement in accounting and related positions in for-profit or nonprofit organizations.

Nature of Work and Employment

Job positions that are available include accountant, bookkeeper, office manager, payroll manager, and accounting clerk.

Special Considerations

This program develops specialized skills in the use of QuickBooks to perform small business bookkeeping services. For a wider range of skills, such as word processing, software package usage, and management, students should consider one of the degree programs offered in Accounting or in related business areas.

Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours | |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------|--|
| Required Accounting/Information Technology Courses | | | |
| ACCT 105 | Elements of Accounting 1 | 3 | |
| ACCT 115 | Computer Applications in Acct ¹ | 2 | |
| ACCT 116 | Intro to Payroll Accounting | 2 | |
| ACCT 213 | Financial Accounting ^{1,2} | 4 | |
| ACCT 220 | Quickbooks Accounting | 2 | |
| BUSN 125 | Math Of Business ² | 3 | |
| INFT 131 | Beginning Microsoft Word ² | 1 | |

| Total Hours | | 20 |
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| INFT 180 | Intro to Information Systems ² | 3 |

Knowledge of Microsoft Excel is recommended for this course.

Program Outcomes

Students who complete this program of study will:

- Accounting Knowledge: Have a basic understanding of accounting principles and procedures as they are applied to accounting. Will be able to apply accounting principles and procedures to management skills.
- Communication: Effectively convey ideas, information, and intentions in a variety of accounting situations using oral, written, and electronic documentation skills.
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving: Solve problems through the analysis and evaluation of data and the application of accounting theories and concepts.
- Teamwork: Use leadership, fellowship, and human relations skills to collaborate as a team to achieve common management goals.
- Ethics: Recommend strategies that promote ethical behavior and social responsibility.
- Technology: Demonstrate knowledge of the digital technology tools used to support accounting operations.

Program Contacts

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Course has a prerequisite. See course description.