

Accounting Procedures

Degree Awarded: Certificate

Recommended Course Sequence

	Credits
ACC 101 Accounting Principles 1	4
BUS 101 Business Math or	
ACC 111 Personal Finance	3
BUS 103 Introduction to Business	3
BUS 161 Computer Applications for Business***	3
OFT 106 Keyboarding**	1
BUS 201 Business Law 1	3
ACC 102 Accounting Principles 2	4
BUS 105 Business and Society or	
BUS 203 Business Communications	3
ACC 205 Acctg. w/Microcomputer Applications	3
ACC 214 Accounting Practice*	4

Total Credits: 31

* Students must achieve a grade of C or better to graduate from this program.

**Students with sufficient keyboarding ability who pass the keyboarding waiver exam will fulfill this requirement; they do not need to replace the 1 credit.

***formerly CIT 101 Microcomputer Applications

Program Description

The Accounting Procedures certificate program prepares graduates to work in entry-level bookkeeping positions. Emphasis is placed on developing bookkeeping skills and knowledge of general business practices.

Students take a sequence of accounting coursework including Accounting Principles 1 and 2, Accounting with Microcomputer Applications, and Accounting Practice. Students learn the accounting cycle using both manual and computer software systems. Special Excel spreadsheet and QuickBooks projects are provided to enhance the understanding of real world applications.

Graduates can utilize their acquired skills in various entry-level positions such as bookkeepers, accounts receivable/payable clerks, and payroll clerks with responsibilities and abilities in balance sheets, income statements, billing and bank statement reconciliation.

Admission Criteria

Admission to this program requires that students be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (HSEs). If students are not high school graduates, they may be eligible for admission to the College's 24 Credit Hour Program. If students are home schooled, they may be eligible for admission. (See pages 7 through 13 for more details on the admission process for all applicants.)

Developmental courses should be completed before attempting the courses in this program.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- demonstrate knowledge of the accounting cycle, including preparation of financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- demonstrate the ability to effectively interface with an automated accounting system.
- create and edit Excel spreadsheets to solve various accounting problems.
- learn critical thinking skills through an analytical business project.



Career Opportunities

General accounting and bookkeeping positions exist in the following fields:

- service
- education
- travel
- entertainment
- manufacturing
- insurance
- industrial
- media/advertising

Transfer Opportunities

While the Certificate program leads to immediate job placement upon graduation, SUNY Orange has a special relationship with Franklin University for transfer to a B.S. degree in Applied Management or Accounting. In addition, all courses taken for this certificate may be applied to the A.A.S. Accounting degree program at SUNY Orange.

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