

Information for Students Interested in Pursuing a CPA Accounting Professional Licensure - Spring 2024

Students enrolling in the University's accounting programs may be interested in becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Some states require a CPA license in order to be employed as a public accountant.

While all CPAs are accountants, not all accountants are designated as CPAs. To become a CPA, applicants must pass licensure exams (generally, the CPA exam) and fulfill any educational and other requirements established by state boards, including defined minimum numbers of credit hours and specific coursework.

If a student plans to seek a CPA, please know that:

- Requirements for obtaining a CPA are regulated by each state, may vary for each state, and may change over time. Students should review the educational and other requirements for licensure for any state in which they plan to seek employment.
- Regarding educational requirements, some states allow candidates to sit for the CPA exam with 120 credits¹ of post-secondary education and other states require 150 credits of post-secondary education. Regardless of whether a state allows you to sit for the exam with 120 or 150 credits, each state will vary as to the specific accounting and/or business courses required to be taken prior to being eligible to take the exam.
- Being eligible to sit for the CPA exam does not necessarily make a student qualified to be certified or licensed as a CPA in a particular state. Depending on the state there can be additional work experience and ethics requirements.

Click [here](https://nasba.org/stateboards/) to view a listing of CPA requirements for each state and territory. More information about state requirements for those seeking a CPA license can be found at: <https://nasba.org/stateboards/>.

Our Curriculum & CPA Exam Preparation:

Undergraduate Students: The University has determined that if a student completes their undergraduate degree at the University of Scranton, they will be eligible to sit for the CPA exam in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware and Massachusetts. However, in each of those states, students will need to have an additional 30 semester credit hours of post-secondary education to be eligible to sit for the exam. The University has not determined whether the undergraduate degree program meets educational requirements for the CPA in other states.

¹ When referring to both the 120 and 150 credits, this document refers to credits earned during a semester.

Graduate Students: If you have earned your undergraduate degree at the University of Scranton and complete your Masters of Accountancy at the University you will fulfill the education requirements necessary to sit for the CPA exam in the states listed above. The University has not yet determined whether the MACC program meets educational requirements for the CPA in other states.

For more information, contact the University's [Accounting Department](#).