

Para-Accounting

Why should I major in Para-Accounting?

If you enjoy crunching numbers and analyzing complex data, consider working in the accounting field where your knowledge and skills can be used to forecast a company's financial position, record annual summaries and itemize day-to-day expenditures.

Iowa Western's Para-Accounting program offers increased specialization and an in-depth study of accounting techniques. You will develop the skills needed to analyze, record and summarize economic events for both non-profit and for-profit institutions.



What type of degree will I earn at Iowa Western if I enroll in this program?

After completing our two-year program, you will earn an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree. Another option includes following our one-year Accounting Technician program that will earn you a diploma upon graduation.

If I major in Para-Accounting, can I transfer to a four-year college or university?

Iowa Western's accounting programs are designed to put you into the work force in two years or less. However, the credits you earn at Iowa Western can be transferred to another institution and applied toward a bachelor's degree in a related area of study.

What is the job outlook for Para-Accounting graduates and what type of jobs will I be qualified for?

Graduates in the two-year Para-Accounting program locate employment in the general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable or payroll areas. As a graduate of this program, you can expect to earn anywhere from \$19,000-\$25,000 a year to start.

**For More Information,
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Program of Study

The Para-Accounting program of study prepares students for a career in the field of accounting. Upon graduation, students are able to analyze, communicate, distinguish, record and summarize economic events for a profit-oriented and/or not-for-profit business entity. Fluency in oral and written communication is stressed. The program offers advanced accounting computer courses allowing students to seek advanced level employment in government offices, public accounting firms and general businesses. Graduates of this program are awarded an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree.

* Students must complete the curriculum described below:

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester		Cr.
ACC 121	Principles of Accounting I	3
CSC 110	Introduction to Computers	3
BUS 102	Introduction to Business	3
MAT 711	Business and Financial Mathematics	3
ENG 105	Composition I	3
BUS 105	Accounting and Business Professional Development	1
		16
Second Semester		Cr.
ACC 122	Principles of Accounting II	3
ACC 161	Payroll Accounting	3
ACC 311	Computer Accounting	3
FIN 121	Personal Finance	3
SPC 122	Interpersonal Communication <u>OR</u>	3
SPC 112	Public Speaking	1
BCA 149	*Spreadsheets II	1
		16
Summer Term		Cr.
MGT 195	Workplace Empowerment	3
		3
Third Semester		Cr.
ACC 211	Intermediate Accounting I	3
BUS 185	Business Law I	3
ACC 251	Government and Non-profit Accounting	3
ECN 120	Principles of Macroeconomics <u>OR</u>	3
ECN 130	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ACC 932	Internship	1-4
	General Elective	3
		16-19
Fourth Semester		Cr.
ACC 221	Cost Accounting	3
ACC 261	Income Tax Accounting	3
PHI 142	Ethics in Business	3
ACC 932	Internship	1-4
BUS 121	Business Communications (Business)	3
	General Elective	3
BCA 153	*Spreadsheets III	1
		17-20

* or BCA 142 Spreadsheets or BCA 152 Comprehensive Spreadsheets

70 semester hours required