Overview

DeVry University and its Keller Graduate School of Management are committed to providing students with accurate information to help students make informed decisions about their education.

The educational and non-educational prerequisites for Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensure can vary significantly from state to state and U.S. territory. These variations encompass the number of accounting and business course hours, experience, exam success, background checks\(^1\), and ethical compliance. Understanding these differences is key to determining a student’s eligibility to sit for the Uniform CPA exam and apply for licensure in different jurisdictions. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs regulations mandate institutions to transparently disclose any additional non-educational requirements necessary to obtain the license or certification for which the program of education is designed to provide preparation.

\(^1\)Results of a background check may disqualify an individual from obtaining licensure. As such, it is your responsibility to determine if your circumstances pose any barriers.

Education Requirements

All CPA candidates in Alaska must complete 150 semester hours (225 quarter hours) of post-secondary education, including holding a bachelor’s degree or higher with a concentration in accounting or its equivalent. An accounting concentration consists of not less than 24 semester credit hours or 36 quarter credit hours in subjects such as:

- accounting principles;
- intermediate accounting;
- income tax;
- cost accounting;
- auditing;
- advanced accounting;
- accounting theory;
- governmental accounting; or
- detection of fraud;
Candidates will also need 9 semester credit hours or 15 quarter credit hours of business law, economics, and statistics, computer science, algebra, calculus, or mathematics.

**Experience Requirements**

CPA candidates will need to provide two years of accounting experience in their application which must be determined acceptable and satisfactory by the Board of Accountancy.

**Ethics Requirements**

All CPAs must pass *Professional Ethics: The AICPA’s Comprehensive Course for Licensure.*

**Other Requirements**

- Must be of good moral character.
- Pass the CPA Exam with a score of 75 in each section.
- Must be a minimum of 19 years old.

*Alaska does not require a Social Security number, U.S. citizenship, nor state citizenship to take the CPA Exam or apply for licensure.

**DVU Licensure Programs**

The following DVU programs meet the educational requirements for CPA licensure in the state of Alaska:

- Master of Science in Accounting - Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Exam Preparation Emphasis
- Master of Accounting and Financial Management – Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Exam Preparation Emphasis

It is important to note that these determinations apply to individuals holding a bachelor’s degree in accounting or a business degree with a focus on accounting or finance. DeVry’s bachelor’s degrees in accounting and business were used as a baseline for these determinations, and checking with your state board of accountancy is recommended to ensure that all specific educational requirements for licensure are satisfied.

**CPA Review Courses**

Credits obtained from CPA exam review courses cannot be used to fulfil the mandatory concentration in accounting coursework in the following states: FL, KS, NJ, NY, TX, and VT.

**Accreditation**

DeVry University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), [www.hlcommission.org](http://www.hlcommission.org). The University’s Keller Graduate School of Management is included in this accreditation.

Our Accounting Degrees are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) [www.acbsp.org](http://www.acbsp.org). Please refer to the [academic catalog](http://www.academiccatalog.org) for details.

**Student Relocation**

Students who intend to relocate should notify the DeVry University of their location change and review the professional licensure requirements of that state’s professional licensing board. Visit the [National Association of State Boards of Accountancy](http://www.nasba.org) to find the contact information, as well as a listing of statutes for the State Board of Accountancy in each of the 55 jurisdictions. For additional information about student relocation, please refer to the student relocation notice within the [academic catalog](http://www.academiccatalog.org).

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Other Accounting Related Programs

The programs listed below are not specifically designed to prepare students for licensure. However, they offer valuable knowledge and resources that can provide a foundation in accounting and business concepts as well as practical skills.

The undergraduate programs are classified as pre-licensure programs. For example, every state and territory require a minimum of 150 semester credits of specific coursework for CPA licensure eligibility. Generally, undergraduate programs do not provide enough credits to meet this requirement. Nevertheless, students can leverage the credits earned in these undergraduate programs toward the licensure requirements.

The Graduate Certificate in Accounting Certification Preparation program, with a Certified Public Accountant Exam Preparation option is designed to help students prepare to sit for the CPA exam by offering practical resources and focused exam preparation. Additionally, the program may offer a few extra credits in certain states to help students qualify for CPA licensure.

The remaining programs provide advanced knowledge and skills in accounting and finance to equip students for various non-licensure accounting and finance roles, such as financial analyst, management accountant, internal auditor, budget analyst, and financial manager.

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Notes and Conditions:

This disclosure does not assure that any state licensure or certification authority will either approve or reject your application for licensure.

This disclosure does not consider any updates or changes in state requirements that may have occurred after publication. Students considering a program leading to licensure are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate licensing agency directly for the most current requirements. Visit the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy to find the contact information, as well as a listing of statutes, for the State Board of Accountancy in each of the 55 jurisdictions.
What if I need help understanding this?

DeVry University is happy to help guide you. If you have questions or need assistance in navigating the disclosure, please contact Student Support.

Call (800) 734-4272  
Schedule an Appointment  
Create an Academic Case

Useful Links

Alaska Board of Public Accountancy