

Professionals in accounting provide accurate records and ensure taxes are completed for businesses, government agencies, firms, and individuals. The basic tasks of this occupation include preparing, analyzing, and verifying financial documents in order to provide information to clients. You may also broaden your skills and services to include budget analysis, information technology consulting, and limited legal and financial services.

What type of career can I have with this major?

The two year Accounting major is intended to provide entry level employment. In order to open the door to other higher level employment opportunities listed, advanced education, degrees, licensing, certification and experience may be required for some of the career options such as Controller, CPA, and others.

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| ▪ Account Clerk | ▪ Budget Consultant | ▪ Insurance Officer |
| ▪ Accountant (CPA) | ▪ Claims Adjuster | ▪ Investment Analyst |
| ▪ Accounting Payroll Specialist | ▪ Computer Operations Supervisor | ▪ Loan Administrator |
| ▪ Actuary | ▪ Computer | ▪ Management Consultant |
| ▪ Auditor | Operator/Programmer | ▪ Market Research Analyst |
| ▪ Benefits Administrator | ▪ Controller | ▪ Payroll Manager |
| ▪ Bookkeeper | ▪ Credit and Collection Specialist | ▪ Revenue Agent |

Where can I work?

This profession provides you with a choice of various work environments including government agencies, non-profit organizations, for-profit agencies, and public and private companies.

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| ▪ Accounting Firms | ▪ Insurance Companies |
| ▪ Advertising Companies | ▪ Investment Firms |
| ▪ Banks | ▪ Labor Unions |
| ▪ Colleges and Universities | ▪ Management Consulting Firms |
| ▪ Computer Industry | ▪ Social Services Agencies and Organizations |
| ▪ Finance Companies | ▪ Stock/Securities Brokers |
| ▪ Government Agencies | ▪ Trade Associations |
| ▪ Hospitals | |

What type of professional organizations and resources are available in this industry?

There are many professional organizations that offer resources, articles, job opportunities, training and conference information. We suggest you visit each organization's website to gather more information and contacts in your field.

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| ▪ American Institute of Certified Public Accountants | ▪ The Institute of Internal Auditors |
| ▪ National Association of State Boards of Accountancy | ▪ Information Systems Audit and Control Association |
| ▪ Institute of Management Accountants | ▪ Association of Government Accountants |
| ▪ Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation | |

What type of Accounting program does San Diego Mesa College offer?

The accounting program at San Diego Mesa College prepares students for employment as a bookkeeper, account clerk, accounting technician, audit or tax aide, or accountant trainee. Practical coursework allows students to work part-time in the field while completing the curriculum.

- [Certificate of Performance: Government/Nonprofit Accounting](#)
- [Certificate of Achievement: Accounting](#)
- [Associate in Science: Accounting](#)

See college catalog for program descriptions, course titles, and areas of emphasis.