

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANCY

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



After completing the MSPA program, I am confident in my career-readiness. From engaging with faculty to developing technological proficiencies, the program adapts to fit the needs of the modern accounting environment. Best of all, the completion of this rigorous yet convenient M.S. program has provided me with an invaluable head-start for my career.



Alexis Colucci
MS Professional Accountancy '23
PwC-Tax Associate

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



- ▶ *The MSPA has accelerated my timeline to earn my certification in public accounting. I feel I have a leg up against the competitors in this field.*
- ▶ *My experience of taking the MSPA program has been great. I have expanded on my undergraduate knowledge, helping me stay in the study mentality for when I start preparing for the CPA.*
- ▶ *The professors have been extremely supportive throughout my time here, always wanting me to succeed and providing me the resources to succeed.*
- ▶ *I like the acceleration of the program to allow us to still begin working shortly after our undergrad completion.*
- ▶ *The MSPA gives the student accelerated access to the materials and degree needed to be workplace ready and prepared for the CPA exam.*
- ▶ *The program provides a modern approach to applicable skills that will aid the student in gaining an upper hand in the workplace.*
- ▶ *This program is a huge plus for an eager student with aspirations of working in the accounting industry. 10/10 would recommend.*

ACCOUNTING MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM TAKES OFF

One of the fastest programs of its kind in the U.S., the MSPAccy Program utilizes a combination of traditional classroom coursework, distance learning, and an optional internship experience. In as few as seven months, students can earn the additional 30 credit hours needed to reach the 150 credit hours necessary to meet the Certified Public Accountant educational licensing requirement and receive a graduate degree in accounting.

The in-class segment of the Master of Science in Professional Accountancy (MSPAccy) program begins with summer classes, which are divided into two five-week sessions and one two-week online session; the remaining courses can be completed online during the fall and/or spring semester.

STUDENT SUCCESSES—CLASS OF 2023

- ▶ **93% of students secured jobs before graduation, with the following companies.**
 - ▶ Deloitte, PwC, EisnerAMper, EY, BL Companies, RSM, CohnRecnick, Macars, KPMG, and Ernst & Young
- ▶ **73% of the graduating class are anticipating starting salaries between \$75,000 and \$100,000.**
- ▶ **100% of the class are planning to sit for the CPA within the next 6 months.**
- ▶ **What they found beneficial about the program.**
 - ▶ Curriculum, Flexibility, Time to completion, Career Readiness, and the Admissions process



CURRICULUM

SUMMER TERM (Course sequence subject to change)

SESSION I (5 WEEKS) JUNE-JULY

- ▶ International Financial Reporting Standards
- ▶ Accounting Information Systems

SESSION II (5 WEEKS) JULY-AUGUST

- ▶ Advanced Auditing
- ▶ Business Valuations

SESSION III (2 WEEKS) AUGUST

- ▶ Tax Research

(10 WEEKS) JUNE-AUGUST

- ▶ Accounting Research

FALL/SPRING TERM

Students completing 18 credits over the summer may complete the program in one additional semester (12 credits in the fall) or two semesters (six credits in the fall and six credits in the spring).

- ▶ MBA 667 Accounting (8 weeks)
or MSPA 602 Internship in Accounting*
- ▶ MBA 664 Economics (8 weeks)
- ▶ MBA 665 Analytics Bootcamp (8 weeks)
- ▶ Elective EMBA 688 Ethical Management of Organization (8 weeks)

* Internship opportunities are available and they often lead to employment.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Graduate admissions application (available online)
- ▶ Official undergraduate/graduate transcripts confirming your degree conferral
- ▶ Bachelor's degree must be in accounting
- ▶ Current resumé

TUITION

- ▶ \$1,135 per credit

FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

- ▶ Scholarships - merit and alumni available
- ▶ Partnership benefits
- ▶ Military benefits
- ▶ Employer tuition deferment

A RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT

- ▶ Promotions to partner, manager, and corporate managerial positions are increasingly awarded to candidates with graduate degrees.
- ▶ Companies have a hiring preference for candidates with higher degrees (CareerBuilder.com).
- ▶ Accountants with a CPA license and a master's in accounting have an advantage in the employment market (Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics).
- ▶ Accountants with a graduate degree have increased earning potential (Institute of Management Accountants).

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I chose to pursue my MSPA at Marist because of the unique competitive advantage that it gives its students in the way of efficient coursework and timely completion. This, in combination with its excellent staff and modern course topics gives this degree great value.



Calin Stagg MSPAcc '23
Ernst & Young-Audit Staff 1

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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The Master of Science in Professional Accountancy Program provides a unique opportunity for students to satisfy their 150-hour educational requirement for CPA licensure in an efficient and accelerated fashion. Students take 12 credits with online options in the fall or spring, with the remaining 18 graduate credits taken during summer sessions. Marist students can complete their graduate requirements expeditiously, allowing them to focus on their careers as accounting professionals.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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