Rutgers Business School

Excellence  Access  Diversity

MBA in Professional Accounting

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Today’s dynamic global economy requires accounting professionals who are skilled, well-rounded business leaders accomplished at identifying and maximizing opportunities. The first of its kind, the MBA in Professional Accounting program is designed to prepare you as a true business leader.

An MBA in 14 months, eligibility to sit for the CPA exam, and preparation to take advantage of leading opportunities in the world of business—these are the hallmarks of the MBA in Professional Accounting program. Specifically developed for undergraduates holding degrees in the arts and sciences or business degrees other than accounting, the program integrates management skills with accounting theory and practice, with a strong emphasis on teamwork, case studies, and final team projects. One measure of success is the large number of graduates that we place in career positions each year.

Excellence, Access, and Diversity

Rutgers Business School (RBS) thrives within Rutgers University, the nation’s eighth oldest institute of higher education. The recent addition of seven health sciences schools and a number of centers, institutes, and clinics reinforces the university’s mission of teaching, research, and service, and has helped propel the state university into the top echelon of national research universities.

The MBA in Professional Accounting program focuses on developing ethical business leaders with strong insight into the financial and non-financial performance of organizations, sound decision-making and communications skills, and the ability to leverage technology and information resources to better serve the needs of employers and clients.

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More than 130 partners and principals in the Big Four firms are Rutgers alumni—representing one of the single greatest concentrations from major business schools. Graduates of Rutgers accounting programs are highly sought by all major accounting firms and corporations.

**Multidisciplinary Edge**

With its multidisciplinary, technologically sophisticated approach, and strong emphasis on international accounting standards, the MBA in Professional Accounting program prepares graduates for a wide range of career opportunities in public accounting, private industry, government, education, not-for-profit corporations, and consulting.

**Real-World, Global Experience**

Students in the program obtain multiple real-world experiences, including

- Internships
- Team Projects
- Case Studies
- Mentoring
- Publication of the Professional Accounting Newsletter

**Strategic Corporate Partnerships**

Geographically situated at the center of global business, RBS has access to the top executives leading the world's largest corporations. Our partnerships with these companies are central to the RBS experience and offer our students distinct career advantages, evidenced by the success of over 30,000 RBS alumni.

Students in the MBA in Professional Accounting program benefit from a curriculum developed with the input of industry leaders from the Big Four and regional accounting firms, and a faculty of leading academics and practitioners. Through the Professional Speaker Series, students additionally are provided with multiple opportunities to learn from and network with business, finance, and accounting leaders.

**#1 in Diversity**

Creating Innovation in Companies

Innovation is essential for corporations to maintain growth and stay ahead of the competition. These successful companies recognize diversity is a key ingredient to meeting their innovation goals. RBS is an integral part of a campus that has been ranked #1 in diversity since 1997 when *U.S. News & World Report* began assessing diversity.

**Quick Facts**

- **Credits:** 65
- **Status:** Full-time day
- **Campus:** Newark
- **Entrance Exam:** GMAT or GRE
- **Term of Entry:** Summer
Curriculum

Students earn this 65-credit degree in 14 months of full-time study. The program begins in late May and concludes in mid-August of the following year.

Accounting Courses (33 credits)
- Accounting Principles and Practices (3 credits)
- Management and Cost Accounting (3 credits)
- Intermediate Accounting I (3 credits)
- Intermediate Accounting II (3 credits)
- Auditing Concepts (3 credits)
- Advanced Auditing and Accounting Information Systems (3 credits)
- Advanced Financial Accounting Theory and Practice (3 credits)
- Income Taxation (3 credits)
- Corporate Taxation (3 credits)
- Accounting for Governmental & Not-for-Profit Entities (3 credits)
- Accounting Research Project (3 credits)

General Business (32 credits)
- Business Communication (2 credits)
- Business Law I (2 credits)
- Business Law II (2 credits)
- Marketing for Decision Making (3 credits)
- Information Technology in the Digital Era (4 credits)
- Managerial Economic Analysis (Microeconomics) (3 credits)
- Financial Management (3 credits)
- Operations Analysis (3 credits)
- Organizational Behavior (3 credits)
- Ethics and Professional Responsibilities (2 credits)
- International Business (2 credits)
- Strategic Management (3 credits)

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Director Profile

Alexander J. Sannella, CPA, PhD
Director, MBA in Professional Accounting
Department of Accounting, Business Ethics & Information Systems

A widely respected educator in the areas of finance, market-based accounting, and information systems, Professor Sannella brings valuable accounting and Wall Street experience, and an informed perspective to the classroom. Students have voted him teacher of the year numerous years running, and benefit from his strong connections with leaders in the financial and accounting industries. Through his enthusiastic support and guidance, the MBA in Professional Accounting program has grown to become a highly regarded source for talented and skilled graduates.
“We’ve had very good experiences hiring graduates through the MBA in Professional Accounting program. Most of the students come into the program without a business background, but by the time they graduate they are ready to sit for the CPA exam and are fully functional and ready-to-go in the work environment.”

Peter McNamara
Partner, Investment Management,
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chair, Rutgers Business School
Accounting Advisory Board

“The MBA in Professional Accounting program has given me the education, encouragement, and connections to begin a new and exciting career. The MBA in Professional Accounting at Rutgers Business School is a wonderful program, and I am proud to be a part of it.”

Maggie Fernandez (’08)
Deloitte

“This program was a game changer for me. In about two years, I went from leaving my job as a High School Band Director to now starting as an Audit Assistant at Deloitte this September. This program was what I needed to get my life back on track! I learned more in 14 months than I did in 4 years of undergrad work. I was also fully prepared for interviews with the firms. Rutgers relationships with all of the firms is amazing and I am so grateful for that.

Douglas Schwarz (’13)
Deloitte

Career Management & Employment Outcomes

With an extensive array of career management and placement services, a large percent of students in the MBA in Professional Accounting program are employed by graduation. Services include:

- Dedicated Career Services Professional
- Mock Interviews
- Résumé Preparation
- Firm Meet and Greets
- On-Campus Interviews

Selected Employers of Program Graduates

Chubb Insurance
CohnReznick LLP
Crowe Horwath LLP
Deloitte
Ernst & Young LLP
KPMG LLP
MetLife
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Rothstein Kass
Sax Macy Fromm & Co., PC
About Rutgers Business School

Rutgers Business School—Newark and New Brunswick (RBS) is an integral part of one of the nation’s oldest, largest, and most distinguished institutions of higher learning: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Founded in 1929, RBS has been accredited since 1941 by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—a distinction that represents the hallmark of excellence in management education. Today, RBS is educating more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students per year—and growing—at two main campuses in New Jersey as well as six satellite locations in New Jersey, China, and Singapore.

RBS students and faculty access a strong network of corporate partnerships and more than 30,000 RBS alumni. Through a multidisciplinary approach with other Rutgers schools and departments, they also tap into a network of over 380,000 Rutgers University alumni.

Steeped in academic excellence, with an international reputation for high-quality teaching and research, RBS is highly ranked by the Financial Times, U.S. News & World Report, Business Week, and The Wall Street Journal. It is recognized as one of the top three business schools in the greater New York metropolitan area, is ranked #6 nationwide for “Most Competitive Students” by The Princeton Review, and is an integral part of the campus that has been ranked #1 in diversity since 1997 by U.S. News & World Report.

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Rutgers faculty are among the most respected and productive researchers and educators in the world. Their achievements in an array of disciplines make the State University of New Jersey a national leader. Rutgers scholars have a strong representation in the following esteemed associations:

National Academy of Sciences: 23
National Academy of Engineering: 8
Institute of Medicine: 9

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