MBA in Professional Accounting

Earn an MBA in Accounting in 14 months

The Rutgers Business School MBA in Professional Accounting is a full-time program to be completed in 14 months. With its multidisciplinary, technologically sophisticated approach, and strong emphasis on international accounting standards, the program provides students with a wide range of career opportunities.

An MBA in 14 months, starting in May, eligibility to sit for the CPA exam, and preparation to take advantage of leading opportunities in the world of business—are the hallmarks of the program. The program gives students with no accounting education a path to pursue both an MBA and a career in accounting. It also gives students with accounting undergraduate degrees the opportunity to pursue an MBA while studying emerging accounting technologies.

Faculty Profile: Alexander Sannella

Professor Sannella is currently a Professor of Accounting at the Rutgers Business School and the Director of the Master of Accountancy in Professional Accounting Program and the Director of the Rutgers Business School Teaching Excellence Center.

He received his Ph.D. in Accounting and Finance from New York University and is a New York State Certified Public Accountant. Dr. Sannella has over 40 years teaching experience at the university level and over 24 years' experience in developing and teaching commercial and investment bank training programs.

His training programs include courses designed for financial analysts, associates and special programs for sales and trading professionals.

He has public accounting experience as an auditor for PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP and KPMG, LLP. Dr. Sannella was also an independent consultant working on many projects with other public accounting firms, bankruptcy trustees and leasing divisions of major insurance companies.

Curriculum

The MBA in Professional Accounting program is a 66-credit program that balances accounting theory and practice, and prepares students for the New Jersey CPA Exam, all within 14 months, starting in May. Students benefit from a curriculum developed with the input of industry leaders from the Big 4 and regional accounting firms, and a faculty of leading academics and practitioners.
Sampling of Courses

- Advanced Auditing and Accounting Information Systems
- Business Law
- Corporate Income Tax Basics
- Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting & Auditing
- Managerial and Cost Accounting
- Business Communications
- Operations Analysis
- Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- Information Technology in the Digital Era

Program Comparison

Rutgers Business School offers a variety of accounting programs based on your background and future career goals.

**Professional Accounting MBA Requirements:**
- Open to all undergraduate degrees and no professional full-time work experience is required.
- GMAT required but can be waived for RBS seniors with an undergraduate GPA above 3.2 and a record of service/leadership. For all other applicants, a waiver can be considered based on work experience and academic performance.

**Master in Professional Accounting Requirements:**
- Open to all applicants with an undergraduate business degree in an area other than accounting
- GMAT is not required

Career Outcomes

Graduates of the program have begun their careers at leading accounting firms including: CohnReznick, CBIZ, Inc., Marcum LLP, and the Big 4.

“**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 starting as an audit assistant at Deloitte.**”

– Douglas Schwarz, Deloitte