

MPA

Master of Professional Accounting

CRICOS Code: 107423K

Employment is projected to rise in 17 of the 19 industries over the five years to May 2023. Around two thirds of new jobs during this period are expected to come from four main industries, including Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (106,600, or 10.2%) with accountants comprising the biggest occupation group of this industry.

The accountancy profession is being moulded by large-scale changes ranging from globalisation to automation, cloud accounting and artificial intelligence. Australian companies in a recent survey conducted by the World Economic Forum, identified the following emerging skills: creativity, originality and initiative, analytical thinking and innovation, active learning, technology design and programming, complex problem-solving, critical thinking and analysis, leadership and social influence, emotional intelligence, reasoning and resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility. The Master of Professional Accounting will seek to equip students with a number of the above skills to qualify for membership to professional accounting bodies. and provide graduates with an internationally recognised set of credentials and employment opportunities both domestically and globally.



Course Overview

A publication by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, provides an overview of trends in the Australian labour market to support job seekers and providers, career advisers, people considering future training and work and people interested in labour market issues. According to this report, accountants represent the biggest occupation group in Australia making up over 39% of the employed occupation groups. More than three quarters of this group hold a bachelor's degree or higher qualifications. Accountants represent the second biggest occupation group after registered nurses and followed by primary school teachers.

The Master of Professional Accounting (MPA) course is designed principally for students from non-accounting backgrounds who wish to make a career change or simply to develop an understanding of the technical and social role accounting plays in contemporary business. As such, the MPA is a broad-based qualification that integrates the core accounting studies with authentic learning experience gained through participating in a Business Internship as a work integrated learning unit.

This program will help students develop the skills and expertise they need for a rewarding career in accounting. Students are expected to develop the knowledge and expertise to future-proof their career, where they will undertake advanced learning in both theory and professional practice and learn to solve critical accounting and business problems in innovative ways.



Study Mode

Full-time, face to face



Location

333, Queens Street Melbourne Victoria 3000



Duration

Full-time, 2 years (4 Trimesters)



Course Requirements

8 core units Plus 8 MPA units



Entry Requirements

English Entry Requirements

Domestic School Leavers

n/a

International Students

IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score of 6.5 (no band score less than 6.0) or equivalent

Academic Entry Requirements

General Entry

- Completion of an Australian Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in any discipline; or
- Completion of an Australian Graduate Certificate (or equivalent) in similar discipline; or
- Completion of an Australian Graduate Diploma (or equivalent) in similar discipline.

International Students

- Completion of an Australian Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in any discipline; or
- Completion of an Australian Graduate Certificate (or equivalent) in similar discipline; or
- Completion of an Australian Graduate Diploma (or equivalent) in similar discipline.

Minimum Age

Students must be minimum 18 years of age prior to commencing a course at the Institute.

Possible Career Outcomes



An external auditor and assurance specialist and insolvency specialist may be achievable in the longer term, further professional qualifications would be required

8 Core Units

- COM5981 Professional Communications
- ACC5901 Financial Analysis and Decision Making
- STA5951 Quantitative Business Analysis
- ICT5941 Business Information Systems
- ECO5911 Managerial Economics
- LAW5916 Business Law
- ENT5966 Entrepreneurship
- MKT5961 Global Marketing Management

8 MBA Units

- ACC6902 Managerial Accounting
- ACC6903 Financial Reporting
- ACC6904 Advanced Financial Accounting
- FIN6931 Business Finance
- ACC6905 Auditing and Compliance
- LAW6917 Taxation Law
- MGT6922 Professional Ethics and Corporate Governance
- WIL6991 Business Internship

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The Business Internship unit is a core unit of both the Master of Professional Accounting and the Master of Business Administration courses and is designed as a project-based work-integrated learning activity for students.

The unit is designed to ensure that all students not only have contemporary industry-related experiences but are also engaged in higher-order work-related learning and competency development, particularly in the areas of project development, project analyses and project management, including interpersonal negotiation, oral and written communication skills

It is expected that students in undertaking this unit will perceive themselves as creative problem solvers who can transform information into innovative solutions and strategies with sound ethical and moral and scholarly foundations. It is also expected that students in meeting the requirements of this unit, students will comply with all legal and regulatory requirements and promote sustainable business practices.

The unit is clearly designed to provide an overarching reflection, demonstration and application of the knowledge and skills gained from previously studied units.

Students will normally be assigned to a project team prior to placement. Some team members may be part of the workplace and not involved in enrolled in the course or undertaking the internship unit. Students who are currently employed or working in a relevant course-related role will be able to have a suitable negotiated and approved work project recognised.

The unit will be under the academic supervision of WIL coordinators, informed by an agreed workplace supervisor, to provide the intellectual and scholarly base necessary to successfully complete the project.

