

Professional Program in Accounting (PPA)/Master of Accounting (MAc)

Thank you for your interest in the Professional Program in Accounting! This program is designed to prepare you for a successful career in accounting or financial management. This is a three-year, integrated program for students currently pursuing their BBA in accounting at TCU. With one application, you can enter the Professional Program in Accounting (PPA) as early as the second semester of your sophomore year with the goal of earning both a BBA and a Master of Accounting (MAc) degree while participating in programs designed to prepare you to enter the profession and meet the challenges of a rapidly evolving, global business environment.

The PPA emphasizes both academic preparation and professional development through coursework, experiential learning and a variety of enrichment opportunities. The combined undergraduate and MAc program curriculum provides the coursework necessary to be eligible to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam in the state of Texas. Our MAc program provides you the opportunity to specialize in areas of expertise, including:

- Taxation,
- Audit and Assurance, and
- Financial Reporting and Valuation.

There are three categories of membership in the PPA.

PPA Associate

When you initially apply to the PPA program, you are considered a “PPA Associate.” These students are typically sophomore students initially applying to PPA or first semester juniors who meet the basic admissions requirements and are planning to enroll or are currently enrolled in

- ACCT 30153 “Financial Reporting I”
- ACCT 30303 “Principles of Taxation”
- ACCT 30101 (one-hour credit) “PPA Seminar” (offered Fall Semester only)

PPA Candidate

Students are typically promoted to PPA Candidate after they complete the requirements of the PPA Seminar and maintain appropriate professional and academic requirements outlined in the PPA handbook.

PPA Member

Students are typically promoted to PPA Member during their senior year. PPA Member students have demonstrated professionalism and high academic performance during their undergraduate tenure at TCU. PPA Member students matriculate into the Master of Accounting program and receive communication of their acceptance and potential Graduate Assistance award shortly after completing the majority of their accounting coursework.

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Application Deadlines:

All elements of the application must be received before the admissions committee will conduct a review. Admission decisions, and notification by email, generally will occur within six weeks of a completed application.

For rising juniors, the deadline to apply to PPA and enroll in the PPA seminar course is August 1. For seniors, the deadline to apply to PPA is September 15th. Please note that students applying to PPA as seniors will be asked to participate in either the PPA seminar course or an alternative. Therefore, early application is recommended. Students who do not meet these deadlines will be considered on a space-available basis. Students not admitted to the program are invited to reapply. However, reapplication can occur no sooner than the semester following the date of denied admittance.

Application for Admission as a PPA Associate:

Minimum Admissions Requirements:

1. Admission to the Neeley School of Business and declared accounting major.
2. Overall 3.0 GPA in TCU courses, 3.0 GPA in accounting courses, and satisfactory performance in concurrent courses at time of application.

Application Requirements:

1. **Application Packet.** Electronically submit (PPAccounting@tcu.edu) application packet that includes cover letter, resume, and personal statement (see detailed information below).
2. **PPA Information Session.** Attendance is required prior to admittance. Contact the Department of Accounting (PPAccounting@tcu.edu) to reserve a space.

Application Packet: Cover Letter, and Resume and Personal Statement

Applicants must submit electronically a single package to the Professional Program in Accounting (PPAccounting@tcu.edu) that includes a cover letter, your resume and your personal statement. The documents should be incorporated into a single electronic file (*.doc or *.pdf) in the following order:

Cover Letter
Resume
Personal Statement

Your cover letter should be addressed to Mrs. Emily Davis, who is the PPA/MAC Director. Your cover letter should not exceed one page and should be written in the form expected of any business transmittal. Generally, this would include a brief statement regarding the

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purpose and content of the packet as well as brief discussion of your qualifications and goals. If necessary, you may provide an expanded discussion in your personal statement.

Your personal statement should detail your personal characteristics that will lead to both personal success in the program and also contribute to the professional environment within the program. Your personal statement should not exceed two pages, with one-inch margins and double-spaced text. The following statement must be included at the bottom of your personal statement:

With submission of this application packet, I certify that all information included is true and accurate. I further certify that all elements of the personal statement represent my own work without any editing or assistance from another individual or resource.

The personal statement could describe one or more of the following, as appropriate:

- Significant life experience and/or challenges overcome
- Prior work experience
- Ethnicity/cultural heritage
- Unique background or special talents
- Community service
- Goals and achievements
- Leadership experiences

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