

Accounting

EMPHASIS: Accounting/Tax

DEGREE: Associate in Technical Arts

Purpose: The ATA program in Accounting provides students with necessary skills to compete for entry-level accounting positions in private industry, state, and local government, and public accounting firms.

Note: Students thinking of transferring into an applied bachelors program, such as the Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management program that Centralia College offers, may need to take additional course work required for entrance:

- English Composition (5 credits) ** (note that English 102 and Public Speaking CMST& 202 are highly desirable, but not required)
- College-level math course (5 credits) **
- Social Science course (5 credits)
- Natural Science course (5 credits)
- One additional course in English, college-level math, social science, or natural science (5 credits)

** English Composition I and the college-level math class can replace the math and English course required in this degree program.

Program Outcomes - Students who successfully complete this program should be able to:

- Perform bookkeeping tasks in the service of the business public.
- Assist in the production of financial reporting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- Assist in the conduct of audits in accordance with generally accepted audit standards (GAAS).
- Demonstrate familiarity with the application of computer accounting information systems software (AIS).
- Assist in the determination and disposition of tax liability as it applies to individuals and business entities.
- Prepare industry standard written and oral communications to include the use of Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Successfully complete qualification examinations for Certified Professional Bookkeeper (CB).

Learning Themes: General education outcomes at Centralia College help students, faculty, and the general public identify what learning is expected when a student has completed a degree or program. The administration, faculty, and staff have agreed upon the following five Learning Ability Themes which students can expect to encounter in most courses and by the completion of any degree or program.

Reasoning:

The ability to extract information from data, develop ideas and solutions, establish logical progression in thinking, and problem solve using such procedures as literary analysis or the scientific methods.

Written, Oral and Visual Communication:

The ability to make oneself understood in public, interpersonal, professional, artistic, and technical arenas.

Exploration-Self and Others:

An awareness of the values, beliefs, customs, and contributions of persons from one's own and other traditions, ethnicities, classes, and genders.

Resourcefulness:

The ability to adapt to change, such as technological innovations or environmental conditions.

Responsibility:

The ability to be accountable to self, society, and the natural world.

Estimated Quarterly Program Costs (subject to change without notice)

Tests: ASSET/COMPASS	\$15
Resident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$1427
US Citizen Nonresident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$1576
Non US Citizen Nonresident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$3381
*Tuition is subject to change due to State Legislative actions	
Books and supplies (estimate):	\$427
Lab fees:	Refer to quarterly class schedule.