ACCOUNTING, B.S. (BEHREND)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

Career Paths

In addition to preparing you for the traditional roles of CPA, cost accountant, government accountant, or internal auditor, the Penn State Behrend B.S. in Accounting degree program can be a solid foundation for a career in financial services, forensic investigation, or law. There isn't an industry or sector of the economy that doesn't employ accountants, giving you a wide range of career options. Penn State Behrend has a comprehensive support system to help you identify and achieve your goals for college and beyond. Meet with your academic adviser often and take advantage of the services offered by the Academic and Career Planning Center beginning in your first semester.

Careers

Recent Behrend B.S. in Accounting graduates have started their careers as budget analysts, trade specialists, underwriters, business management analysts, assurance associates, financial institution examiners, and internal auditors. Accounting alumni with more experience hold positions that include chief accounting officer, tax senior manager, partner, and special agent for the IRS' criminal investigation unit.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER PATHS FOR GRADUATES OF THE ACCOUNTING PROGRAM (https://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-business/academic-programs/accounting)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Accounting graduates have many advanced degree options. Penn State Behrend offers a one-year Master of Professional Accounting (M.P.Acc.) degree program that fulfills the educational requirements needed for CPA licensure within graduate-level education. In addition, students can pursue an M.B.A. with or without a concentration in accounting, or a degree in an entirely different field such as law, financial engineering, investment management, human resource management, project management, business analytics, entrepreneurship, marketing, or management.

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Professional Resources

- AACSB International (https://www.aacsb.edu)
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (https://www.aicpa-cima.com/)
- Institute of Management Accountants (https://www.imanet.org)
- Institute of Certified Fraud Examiners (https://www.acfe.com)