

What our recent graduates say

"I met some awesome accountants working in development overseas and thought it could be a real challenge, so I applied for the master's with my transcript from my Bachelor of Arts and got in. Having not previously studied accounting, the coursework was challenging but the smaller class sizes made learning easier. I'm now working as a taxation consultant at an accounting firm in Dunedin. My master's got me this job – I think it proved to employers that I could work hard under pressure".



Rachel Hutchison
Master of Professional Accounting graduate

"Otago's MProfAcct gave me a good understanding of New Zealand accounting. After graduating, I became an accountant and completed the CAANZ tax module – the skills and knowledge I gained studying for the MProfAcct were great preparation for this. At Otago, I learned better self-discipline, time management and self-learning. These skills all help me balance my study and work. My employers believe the MProfAcct is a good foundation for practical accounting work. They also believe that graduates from Otago are "young guns with old school values".



Annie Lui
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Master of Professional Accounting (MProfAcct)

Pursue your accounting career.



Enhance your qualifications and career prospects.



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The MProfAcct is a professionally accredited accounting programme aimed at graduates of any discipline who want to pursue a career in accounting through an intensive course of study and applied research, over a period of 18 months.

Why study the Master of Professional Accounting at Otago?

In recent years, the nature of accounting in the global business workplace has moved from being principally the preparation of financial reports to include the roles of business advisor and consultant. Our accounting programme will help you to develop strong technical and professional accounting skills, including excellent communication, problem-solving and analytical skills.

The MProfAcct has been designed by both academics and practitioners to prepare you for accounting jobs of the future. Moreover, our job-ready programme prepares you to find employment by providing the knowledge, confidence and experience you need for a successful job search.

You will be taught through a mixture of lectures, in-class discussions, seminars, computer lab class work, tutorials and group work. Class sizes are predominantly small, so you will receive plenty of individual attention.



Key information

- Open to graduates with little or no prior experience in accounting.
- Minimum of a B grade average at 300 level.
- Ten taught papers and an applied project.
- Applicants for whom English is not their first language must have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.
- Accredited by the following professional accounting bodies: CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ), and ACCA.
- Completed over a period of 18 months.

Career opportunities

The MProfAcct prepares you for launching a career as an accountant either in public accounting practices or private and public sector organisations. Highly skilled accountants and business managers having accountancy and finance backgrounds are in high demand both in New Zealand and internationally and the industry is booming.

The MProfAcct qualification opens doors to a range of career opportunities, such as: chartered accountant, certified practising accountant, auditor, business consultant, chief finance officer, management accountant, forensic accountant and analyst.

Degree structure

You must complete all of the following papers:

ACCT 409 Advanced Management Accounting

ACCT 421 Financial Accounting

ACCT 422 Management Accounting

ACCT 423 Finance

ACCT 403 Advanced Financial Accounting

ACCT 406 Accounting Information Systems

ACCT 429 Commercial Law

ACCT 501 Applied Project

ACTP 411 Auditing Practice

ACTP 412 Taxation Practice

BSNS 401 The Environment of Business and Economics