

POSTGRADUATE



Master of Professional Accounting

Pursue your Accounting career

“The objective of professional education is to create a niche for you in the job market. This niche becomes the competitive advantage in the job market if you are trained by the seasoned and top ranked institution like the University of Otago.”

Ehtasham Ghauri
Postgraduate Student
Department of Accountancy & Finance

The Master of Professional Accounting (MProfAcct) is a professionally accredited accounting programme aimed at graduates of any discipline who want to pursue a career in accounting

Programme features:

- Designed by both academics and practitioners
- Accredited by professional accounting bodies, CPA Australia and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ)
- Special focus on developing strong technical and professional accounting skills, including communication and analytical skills
- Open to graduates of any discipline

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In recent years, the nature of accounting in the global business workplace has moved from being principally the preparation of financial reports to now include the role of business advisor and consultant. Otago's Master of Professional Accounting provides an opportunity for graduates with little or no experience or qualifications in accounting to pursue professional accreditation through an intensive course of study and applied research over a period of 18 months. Our accounting programme will help you in developing strong professional accounting skills including excellent communication, problem solving and analytical skills.

The MProfAcct has been designed by both academics and practitioners; therefore it prepares 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.

Future career prospects

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 high in demand both in New Zealand and internationally. The MProfAcct qualification opens doors to a range of career opportunities, such as:

- Chartered accountant
- Certified practising accountant
- Auditor
- Business consultant
- Tax consultant
- Systems accountant
- Management accountant
- Chief Finance Officer
- Forensic accountant

Background required

The MProfAcct is open to graduates who have completed a bachelor's degree in any discipline and wish to obtain a postgraduate qualification in accounting.

Entry requirement

- Bachelor's degree in any discipline with minimum of a B+ grade average
- Applicants for whom English is not their first language must have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with no band less than 6
- Please check our website for commencement dates.

Professional Accreditation

On completion of the MProfAcct students can gain professional accreditation and membership to industry associations such as CAANZ and CPA Australia.

Degree structure

The programme offers courses in the core areas of accounting and business including ethical, social and environmental issues that affect business practices. Students complete 10 x 20 point taught papers plus a 40 point applied project.

ACTP 411 – Auditing Practice

The nature and purpose of auditing, and the regulatory and professional environment in which it operates.

ACTP 412 – Taxation Practice

Elements of taxation, direct and indirect taxation for individuals and other entities in New Zealand.

ACCT 403 – Financial Accounting

An applied approach to the issues underlying financial accounting and reporting.

ACCT 406 – Accounting Information Systems

An advanced study of the implication of AIS design, operation and control for accountants, auditors and managers, using in-depth case studies to develop practical familiarity with the issues arising.

ACCT 409 – Management Accounting

An applied approach to the development of management accounting data.

ACCT 421 – Financial Accounting

The mechanics of financial accounting, the accounting environment and professional standards. Basic accounting concepts, principles, and reporting with applications to actual business settings.

ACCT 422 – Management Accounting

Understanding, production and use of management accounting information, including cost behaviour, budgeting, variances and performance evaluation, relevant costs for decision making, pricing, product costing, treatment of overhead and allocations.

ACCT 423 – Finance

An introduction to finance by examining the theory and application of why and how financial decisions are made.

ACCT 429 – Commercial Law

An introduction to New Zealand's legal framework and the law relating to commercial transactions, different forms of business and the legal requirements relating to these organisations.

BSNS 401 – The Environment of Business & Economics

Provides exposure to multi-cultural and international influences on business and global economics, including communications, governance, accountability and ethics. Designed to develop skills for graduates working in all international environments.

BSNS 501 – Applied Project

Investigation of a problem at a critical and analytical level, backed by appropriate literature from applied and academic literature.

For more information please visit:

otago.ac.nz/accountancyfinance/study/postgraduate/otago142609.html

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