Goodman School of Business

Business Career Development Office

Brock University

Nature of work & types of jobs:

Cost Accounting

Financial Accounting

Financial Auditing

Forensic Accounting

Tax Accounting

Positions of Recent Grads:

Junior Accountant
Senior Accountant
Audit Officer
Accounts Payable Clerk
Account Executive
Payroll Accountant
Commodity Tax Analyst
Accountant-Assurance & Business Advisory

Using Social Media:

LinkedIn can be an effective way to access industry professionals and build your professional network. See how here

Accounting

A concentration in accounting provides you with the knowledge of business and management, as well as technical accounting skills. Accountants engage in a wide variety of activities such as preparing, analyzing, and interpreting internal accounting information required to plan and make decisions about business activities.

Career Options

Public Accounting

Public accounting is the business of expressing independent assurance on financial statements and other financial information of enterprises of every size, to ensure that the information truly reflects their financial condition. Large and small investors, financial institutions and other third parties then use that assurance to help them make informed investment and lending decisions. Many of those decisions involve investments in RSPs, mutual or pension funds – making the practice of public accounting relevant to nearly all Canadians

Accounting in Private Sector & Government

Private sector represents, small, mid-sized, and large organizations that operate on a for-profit basis and are not controlled by the province in which they operate. Government sector represents local, provincial, and federal government offices, including hospitals and educational institutions.

Professional Designations

Chartered Accountant (CA)

CAs are the professionals Canada's business leaders trust to help make financial, strategic and leadership decisions. Public accounting is a core CA activity and always will be. However, some two-thirds of Ontario's 34,000 CAs now practice outside public accounting in positions in businesses of every size in government, academe or the not-for-profit sector. *http://www.icao.on.ca/Public/AboutCAProfession/1009page3376.aspx*

Certified General Accountant (CGA)

CGAs are highly skilled accounting professionals who provide forward-thinking financial management and business expertise. They are financial professionals occupying key positions within every sector of the economy – Corporate, Education, Government, IT, Not-for-Profit, and Public Practice. *http://www.cga-ontario.org/About_Us.aspx*

Certified Management Accountant (CMA)

CMAs are strategic and financial management professionals who combine accounting expertise with professional management skills to provide leadership, innovation, and an integrating perspective to organizational decision-making. *http://www.cma-ontario.org/AboutCMAs.aspx*

Courses at Brock

Brock's Bachelor of Accounting (BAcc) program has a national reputation for excellence and graduates of this program will have attained the highest level of prerequisite credits toward professional accounting designations. The courses you take will depend on the professional designation you choose. Upper-year courses offered at Brock include:

- ACTG 4P11-Accounting Theory
- ACTG 4P12-Integration & Problem Solving
- ACTG 4P34-Accounting for External Reporting
- ACTG 4P40-Tax Strategies for Planning & Decision Making
- ACTG 4P41-Taxation

You can also put your accounting knowledge to practice by participating in accounting case competitions hosted by various universities such as the University of Waterloo, Ryerson University, and Brock University.

How We Can Help

The BCDO provides various services and hosts different events to help prepare students for the job search process. Check out our workshops or book an appointment with our office.

You are also encouraged to attend the following events, hosted by the BCDO:

1. How To Get A Job In Accounting – meet alumni and industry professionals
2. CA Day – meet recruiters from large and mid-sized accounting firms

Clubs & Associations

Both paid and volunteer experience can help you gain the necessary skills to get a job in the accounting field.

Recommended Clubs on Campus:

- Brock University Accounting Students' Association (ASA) www.brockaccounting.ca
- Brock University Accounting Conference (BUAC) www.buac.ca
- Business Students' Association (BSA) www.brockbsa.com

Associations and Prominent Firms:

- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario (ICAO) - http://www.icao.on.ca/
- Certified General Accountants (CGA) of Ontario - www.cga-ontario.org
- Certified Management Accountants (CMA) of Ontario - www.cma-ontario.org
- BDO Canada – www.bdo.ca
- Deloitte & Touche LLP – www.deloitte.com
- Ernst & Young LLP – www.ey.com
- Grant Thornton LLP – www.grantthornton.ca
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP – www.pwc.com
- KPMG LLP – www.kpmg.ca

Did You Know…

The BCDO hires a volunteer Trend Analyst Assistant to assist with statistical tracking and program planning in our office. The position is posted in February each year on our job board.

Competencies

Problem Solving	Demonstrate Initiative	Adaptability to Change	Communication Skills (verbal & written)
Detail-Oriented	Interpersonal & Relationship Management Skills	Analytical Skills	Work Independently & in a Team
Leadership	Technological Proficiency	Time Management	Ability to Self-Manage