



Career Pathways offer new ways to achieve your education goals. Instead of studying just one program, the Career Pathways model links related academic programs in a sequence. Each program offers direct job preparation AND a path to the next higher academic program.

# Accounting

The Accounting program provides you with the educational background and training required for entry positions in private business and industry, governmental agencies, and public accounting firms. You will receive a foundation in accounting theory and practice as you learn to perform a variety of business accounting functions.

## PATHWAY CERTIFICATES

INVESTMENT = EDUCATION

**Tax Preparer Assistant** 12 credits  
**OR**  
**Payroll Assistant** 13 credits

**How fast can I complete a certificate?**  
 6 semesters = 3 credits/semester  
 3 semesters = 4 credits/semester  
 1 semesters = 12 credits/semester

RETURN = JOB

<i>Job Title Examples</i>	<i>Median Salary*</i>
Tax Preparer	\$33,322
Payroll & Timekeeping Clerk	\$32,497

## TECHNICAL DIPLOMA

INVESTMENT = EDUCATION

**Accounting Assistant** 34 credits

**How fast can I complete this AFTER finishing a certificate?**  
 6 semesters = 4 credits/semester  
 3 semesters = 7 credits/semester  
 2 semesters = 11 credits/semester

RETURN = JOB

<i>Job Title Example</i>	<i>Median Salary*</i>
Bookkeeper	\$34,867

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

INVESTMENT = EDUCATION

**Accounting** 66 credits

**How fast can I complete this AFTER finishing the diploma?**  
 6 semesters = 6 credits/semester  
 3 semesters = 11 credits/semester  
 2 semesters = 16 credits/semester

RETURN = JOB

<i>Job Example</i>	<i>Median Salary*</i>
Accountant	\$43,317

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