

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

(MSA)

### WHY OUR PROGRAM?

Our high-quality, affordable Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) program allows you to build the fundamental knowledge you need to succeed within the accounting field. The curriculum includes evaluating legal issues, analyzing accounting data, addressing risk management and learning techniques to resolve complex business issues. Your MSA degree can help you advance in your career and open doors to new opportunities.

To graduate with your MSA and sit for the CPA exam, you must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and be in good standing at TESU.

### INVEST IN YOUR MSA. PROFIT FROM YOUR CPA.

The accounting landscape is rapidly changing with the advancement of globalization and the transformation of the nation's practices in the accounting field. There is an increasing need for certified public accountants who are well-versed in accounting standards and understand how to comply with stricter laws and regulations.

Our Master of Science in Accounting (MSA) program is designed to prepare you to become certified public account (CPA). As a graduate, you can fill various accounting and taxation roles in industry, private enterprise and federal, state and local government.

### PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ▶ All courses are offered online
- ▶ Total of 6 graduate level credits may be transferred to the MSA\*
- ▶ The degree is a 30-credit program aligned with the sections of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)'s Uniform CPA Examinations Blueprints with provides a framework for the CPA Exam

\*Transfer credit accepted through evaluation by the dean, School of Business and Management.

## CAREER INSIGHTS

Individuals with graduate degrees earn an average of \$1 million more in lifetime income compared to high school graduates.\*



Within a 100 mile radius of TESU:\*\* Top Occupations:

- ▶ **4.9% job growth (2020-2025)**
  - ▶ **4,240 known positions**
  - ▶ **12,997 annual openings**
  - ▶ **Median earnings ≈ \$84.5K/yr (Nationally ≈ \$70.6K/yr)**
- ▶ Accountants and Auditors
  - ▶ Financial Examiners
  - ▶ Credit Analysts
  - ▶ Budget Analysts
  - ▶ Tax Examiners and Collectors, and Revenue Agents

\*<https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/research-summaries/education-earnings.html>

\*\*Emsi Q2 2020 Data Set

## WHY CHOOSE TESU?

As one of the first schools in the country designed specifically for busy, motivated adults, Thomas Edison State University is dedicated to providing you with a high-quality education – anytime, anywhere.

- ▶ **Exceptional Value:** Competitive tuition and fees. Plus, financial aid and scholarships are available.
- ▶ **Barrier Free:** Students who receive an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher will be automatically admitted to a graduate program.\* No GRE/GMAT or recommendation letter required.
- ▶ **Degree Flexibility:** Engage in your courses whatever time of day works for you. Courses are available 24/7.

\*Several programs have additional requirements beyond GPA for admission.

## ONLINE. ACCREDITED. RESPECTED.

Three words that characterize Thomas Edison State University's (TESU) unique approach to providing quality higher education in today's technology-fueled times.

Dedicated to educating adult learners for five decades, TESU has set the standard in online learning. As the leader in online education and a national leader in the assessment of adult learning, TESU is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and has been called "the college that paved the way for flexibility" by *The New York Times*.

Our innovative online and independent study courses and credit-by-exam programs give you the flexibility to pursue your degree when and where it is convenient for you. With more than 100 areas of study, TESU offers associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and undergraduate and graduate certificates. One of New Jersey's senior public institutions, TESU's liberal credit transfer policies and tuition models remove barriers for adults pursuing higher education. Our resume-relevant programs provide career-building skills to help you meet your educational and professional goals.

**YOU'RE READY TO STUDY WITH THE LEADER IN ONLINE EDUCATION. EARN YOUR DEGREE ON YOUR SCHEDULE. VISIT TESU.EDU AND APPLY TODAY.**

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## Courses and Credit Allocation MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

Credits

### CORE COURSES 21

ACC-604	Fundamentals of Accounting I	3
ACC-605	Fundamentals of Accounting II	3
ACC-606	Federal Taxation	3
ACC-607	Accounting and Information Systems Design and Implementation	3
IBF-504	Corporate and Managerial Finance	3
ACC-501	Principles of Forensic Accounting	3
ACC-701	Auditing and Accounting Information Systems	3

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Choose three courses:

IBF-500	International Business Policy and Operations	3
IBF-501	Comparative Economic and Political Analysis	3
IBF-503	U.S. and International Accounting	3
ACC-507	Government and Not-for-Profit Organization Accounting	3
ETM-750	Ethics for Managers	3

### TOTAL 30

**Prerequisite requirements** - Candidates for the Master of Science in Accounting must have completed 24 undergraduate credit hours in accounting.

The need for certified public accountants remains significant. Influenced by national and international business and market trends including the advancement of globalization, shifts in accounting and taxation legislation and industry and government financial issues continue to transform the nation's economic view of and practices associated with the accounting field. The influence of these conditions reinforces the relevance of higher business education in accounting and taxation in preparing certified public accountant professional for various roles in the workplace.

