

Earning Additional Credits towards Meeting Maryland CPA Licensing Requirements

To become a licensed CPA in Maryland, you need to have successfully completed your bachelor's degree in Accounting (or equivalent) and have earned a total of 150 credits, in addition to passing the CPA exam. When deciding how to achieve those additional 30 credits beyond your bachelor's degree in Accounting we strongly recommend that approach this decision strategically since this can make you a stronger candidate for employment from the outset, plus give you more options later in your career.

You can extend your expertise in your chosen field by pursuing a graduate degree in Accounting or supplement your bachelor's degree by gaining expertise in complementary fields that are in high demand, such as business analytics, information technology or finance. Here at Towson we have multiple ways for you to achieve that 150 credit goal. Consider these many options:

Graduate Degree in Accounting

- [***Accounting Combined B.S./M.S.***](#) This allows you to earn two degrees and achieve 150 credits in as little as five years of full-time study. Students can select this option when applying to the Accounting Major. If accepted, they then take 9 credits (3 graduate-level courses) in lieu of Accounting electives during their junior or senior year. These graduate courses apply to both the bachelor's and master's degree requirements.
- [***Masters in Accounting and Business Advisory Services***](#) (joint program with University of Baltimore). This is a 30 credit (10 course) graduate-level degree program. Students may take courses at Towson University, UB, or online.

Graduate Degrees in a Complementary Field

- [***Masters in Applied Information Technology***](#). This is a 33 credit (10 course) graduate-level degree program that incorporates one or more graduate certificates in specialized content areas. Additional preparatory classes may be required.
- [***Masters in Marketing Intelligence***](#). This is a 30 credit (10 course) graduate-level degree program that integrates marketing research, strategy, analytics, data management and interactive marketing.

Post Baccalaureate Certificates in a Complementary Field

- [***Computer Forensics Post-Baccalaureate Certificate***](#). This is a 15 credit (5 course) graduate-level certificate program that prepares students for high demand IT roles such as computer/digital forensics analysts. Additional preparatory classes may be required.
- [***Database Management Post-Baccalaureate Certificate***](#). This is a 15 credit (5 course) graduate-level certificate program that focuses on the design and management of large database systems. Additional preparatory classes may be required.
- [***Health Information Technology Management Post-Baccalaureate Certificate***](#). This is a 15 credit (5 course) graduate-level certificate program that interdisciplinary curriculum that

provides features knowledge and skills in both health care and information technology. Additional preparatory classes may be required.

- **[Information Security and Assurance Post-Baccalaureate Certificate.](#)** This is a 15 credit (5 course) graduate-level certificate program that focuses on information security measures for computer-based information systems. Additional preparatory classes may be required.
- **[Information Systems Management Post-Baccalaureate Certificate.](#)** This is a 15 credit (5 course) graduate-level certificate program that focuses on the design and management of computer-based information systems. Additional preparatory classes may be required.
- **[Project, Program & Portfolio Management Post-Baccalaureate Certificate.](#)** This is a 15 credit (5 course) graduate-level certificate program that builds in-demand project management skills.

Undergraduate Dual Major in a Complementary Field

- **[Business Administration Major: Economics Track.](#)** The Accounting and Business Administration Majors share many courses as part of the CBE lower-level and upper-level core. Students will take calculus (MATH 211 or MATH 273), EBTM 337 and 21 additional credits (7 courses) in required and elective courses in the Economics Track. In total, this option will contribute another 27 credits.
- **[Business Administration Major: Finance Concentration.](#)** The Accounting and Business Administration Majors share many courses as part of the CBE lower-level and upper-level core. Students will take calculus (MATH 211 or MATH 273), EBTM 337 and 24 additional credits (8 courses) in required and elective courses in the Finance Concentration. In total, this option will contribute another 30 credits.
- **[Business Administration Major: Financial Planning Track.](#)** Accounting and Business Administration Majors share many courses as part of the CBE lower-level and upper-level core. Students will take calculus (MATH 211 or MATH 273), EBTM 337 and 21 additional credits (7 courses) in required and elective courses in the Financial Planning Track. In total, this option will contribute another 27 credits.
- **[Business Administration Major: Legal Studies Concentration.](#)** The Accounting and Business Administration Majors share many courses as part of the CBE lower-level and upper-level core. Students will take calculus (MATH 211 or MATH 273), EBTM 337 and 24 additional credits (8 courses) in required and elective courses in the Legal Studies Concentration. In total, this option will contribute another 30 credits.
- ***Business Systems and Processes Major.*** Accounting and Business Systems and Processes Majors share many courses as part of the CBE lower-level and upper-level core. Students will take calculus (MATH 211 or MATH 273) and 18-21 additional credits (6-7 courses) in required and elective courses in the Legal Studies Concentration. In total, this option will contribute another 21-24 credits.

- **[Business Administration Major: Project Management and Business Analysis Concentration](#)**. The Accounting and Business Administration Majors share many courses as part of the CBE lower-level and upper-level core. Students will take calculus (MATH 211 or MATH 273), EBTM 337 and up to 21 additional credits (up to 7 courses) in required and elective courses in the Project Management and Business Analysis Concentration. In total, this option will contribute up to another 27 credits.
- **[Computer Science Major](#)**. The Accounting and Computer Science Majors share few courses. Students will take up to 72-83 additional credits (up to 24 required and elective courses) in the Computer Science Major.
- **[Computer Science Major and Track in Computer Security](#)**. The Accounting Major and Computer Science Major/Computer Security Track share few courses. Students will take up to 72-83 additional credits (up to 24 required and elective courses) in the Computer Science Major/Computer Security Track.
- **[Economics Major](#)**. The Accounting Major and Economics Major share several courses. Students will take up to 27-28 additional credits (up to 9 required and elective courses) in the Economics Major.
- **[Economics Major and Track in Financial Economics](#)**. The Accounting Major and Economics Major/Financial Economics Track share several courses. Students will take up to 45-46 additional credits (up to 15 required and elective courses) in the Economics Major.
- **[Information Systems Major and Business Track](#)**. The Accounting Major and Information Systems Major/Business Track share many courses. Students will take calculus (MATH 211 or MATH 273) and 50 additional credits (16 courses) in required and elective courses in the Information Systems Major/Business Analysis Track.
- **[Information Technology Major](#)**. The Accounting Major and Information Technology Major share several courses. Students will take 59 additional credits (18 courses) in required and elective courses in the Information Technology Major.

Minor in a Complementary Field

- **[Computer Science Minor](#)**. Students will take 21 additional credits (6 courses) in required and elective courses in the Information Technology Minor.
- **[Economics Minor](#)**. This is an 18-unit (6 course) minor that includes ECON 201 and ECON 202 as two of the required courses. Since these course are also required course for the Accounting Major, completing the Economics Minor will only contribute an additional 12 credits.
- **[Finance Minor](#)**. This is an 18-unit (6 course) minor that includes FIN 331 as one of the required courses. Since FIN 331 is also a required course for the Accounting Major, completing the Finance Minor will only contribute an additional 15 credits.
- **[Information Systems Minor](#)**. Students will take 20 additional credits (6 courses) in required and elective courses in the Information Technology Minor.

- [**Information Technology Minor**](#). Students will take 25 additional credits (8 courses) in required and elective courses in the Information Technology Minor.

Honors College

- [**Honors College**](#). The Honors College has selective admission standards. Admitted students follow 24 credit (8 course) curriculum that features interdisciplinary study, research and co-curricular experiences. Often there is some overlap between the courses taken as Honors College requirements and the CBE lower-level core curriculum.