Graduate Certificate in Government Accounting

Expand your knowledge and skills in the unique requirements of accounting for the federal government and other government agencies.

The Graduate Certificate in Government Accounting in partnership with Kearney & Company prepares you for the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exams sponsored by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA).

HIGHLIGHTS

Course Requirements
- All courses are offered at the Arlington campus
- Students must complete 12 credits
- Courses taken in the Government Accounting Certificate program can be applied towards the 10-course Masters of Science in Accounting program.

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In order to apply for the Government Accounting Certificate, applicants are required to have, at a minimum, a U.S. equivalent bachelor degree from an accredited college or university and have completed Intermediate Accounting (ACCT 331 or Mason equivalent).

APPLICATION

Internal Candidates
- For students already enrolled in a graduate program at the George Mason University School of Business, candidates must submit a graduate certificate admission application.

External Candidates
- Online application and application fee
  See: admissions.gmu.edu
- Transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. Each transcript needs to include course names, all grades received, cumulative GPA, and degree conferral information.
- Goals statement: In no more than 750 words, tell us why you believe that the Government Accounting graduate certificate program is the best fit for you. Include information about your personal qualities, academic background, professional experience, and career goals.
- C.V. or resume indicating relevant work experience
- Proof of English proficiency for students who have earned their degree outside of the United States (either TOEFL or IELTS)
  - Internet Based TOEFL (IBT) - 93 with no less than a 20 in any of the four sections
  - IELTS - minimum overall score of 7.0 with no less than a 7.0 in each section: listening, reading, writing, and speaking

Students must complete 12 credits from the following courses:

Required courses
- ACCT 672. Government and Non-profit Accounting or ACCT 792. Seminar in Governmental Accounting
- ACCT 611. Advanced Managerial Accounting
- ACCT 742. Governance and Ethics
- ACCT 772. Federal Financial Reporting

A maximum of 3 graduate credits taken at another institution can be transferred into a graduate certificate program. Replacement credits may be taken from the elective courses listed above.

For more information about Virginia’s Uniform CPA Exam, contact the Virginia State Board of Accountancy. We encourage all students interested in sitting for the CPA to submit their academic transcripts to the BOA to determine how many accounting and business credits are needed to be eligible to sit for the Uniform CPA Exam.

TUITION

Graduate tuition rates apply for the Graduate Certificate in Government Accounting Program. Learn more about current tuition and fee rates at: studentaccounts.gmu.edu