In yellow, find the degree that best fits your current situation and read the columns to the right for information on the School of Business recommendations regarding degree options.

Note: If you do not intend to take and pass the Virginia CPA exam immediately upon completion of the certificate, obtaining an accounting position with only the accounting certificate may prove difficult.

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| Business degree not from Mason and not in accounting OR MBA degree with an undergraduate degree not in accounting | - Must complete at least 30 unique credits at Mason for second degree.  
- Must complete 24 accounting credits, business general education classes and business core classes are needed to complete second degree in Accounting. (These credits may transfer in.)  
- Students receive a general education waiver, waiving all university required general education classes.  
- Undergraduate transfer credits are individually articulated.  
- May also wish to consider Master of Science in Accounting | - Must complete 30 credits with at least 16 credits from Mason to complete Accounting Certificate Program  
- Assumes students have completed the business credits necessary to sit for the CPA exam  
- Additional courses may be needed for pre-requisites  
- May also wish to consider Master of Science in Accounting |
| Mason business degree, not in accounting | - Must complete at least 30 unique credits at Mason for second bachelor’s degree.  
- Must meet Accounting degree requirements for their new catalog year.  
- Students receive a general education waiver, waiving all university required general education classes.  
- Must have a B- or higher in ACCT 301 or be able to repeat ACCT 301  
- May also wish to consider Master of Science in Accounting | - Must complete 30 credits with at least 16 credits from Mason to complete Accounting Certificate Program  
- The program is designed to help students achieve 30 credits in accounting necessary to sit for the CPA.  
- Must have a B- or higher in ACCT 301 or be able to repeat ACCT 301  
- May also wish to consider Master of Science in Accounting |
| Degree not in business | - Helps students achieve the business core credits and the accounting credits necessary to sit for the CPA.  
- Students receive a general education waiver, waiving all university required general education classes.  
- Must complete all business requirements  
- Typically 60 credits for non-School of Business and non-Mason students.  
- Undergraduate transfer credits are individually articulated. | - Must complete 30 credits with at least 16 credits from Mason to complete Accounting Certificate Program  
- May need to complete up to 16 additional credits to satisfy course prerequisites.  
- Assumes students have completed the business credits necessary to sit for the CPA exam  
- Students who have not completed the business credits necessary to sit for the CPA should consider a second bachelor’s degree in Accounting. |
| Bachelor’s Degree not recognized by Mason | - Students with international credit but no U.S. equivalent bachelor’s degree are encouraged to apply for a bachelor’s degree in Accounting. If you are unsure if you have a U.S. equivalent degree, submit an evaluation of your studies outside of the U.S. Visit admissions.gmu.edu/global/ for more information. | - Not eligible for Accounting Certificate. |