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

- All courses are offered at the Arlington campus
- Students must complete 12 credits
- Courses taken in the Certificate in Government Accounting program can be applied toward the 10-course Master of Science in Accounting program
- In-state tuition rates for VA, MD, and DC residents

Contact
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ELIGIBILITY

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

APPLICATION

Internal Candidates
- Students already enrolled in the MS in Accounting at George Mason University School of Business must submit a graduate secondary certificate program 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 Graduate Certificate in Government Accounting 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

PATHWAY TO CPA

Undergraduate accounting graduates can apply Graduate Certificate in Government Accounting courses toward the required 150 hours to sit for the CPA exam.

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.

PATHWAY TO MSA

Courses taken in the Graduate Certificate in Government Accounting can be applied toward the 10-course MS in Accounting upon acceptance into the degree program.

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.

July 1
Application Deadline

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