

# Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting

Previously Executive Accounting Program (EAP)

## During This Program, You Will Learn:

- Foundations of financial accounting, cost management, and taxation
- A framework for auditing and assurance
- Business law
- How to use financial information to improve managerial decisions
- Accounting information systems

## Overview

Shidler College of Business Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting (GCPA) is especially designed to prepare individuals to enter the accounting profession, who don't yet have the necessary academic background. This intensive six-month program will enable participants to gain a solid accounting foundation and have the necessary accounting credits to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) examination in the USA.

Previous participants have included engineers, attorneys, nurses, managers of various levels from the fields of administration, commerce, operation, marketing, and military. Participants have at least an undergraduate degree, although it may not be in accounting. The program welcomes professionals, graduates from local and national universities, as well as international students. Licensing requirements for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) necessitates a total of 150 college credit hours, and graduates who do not have the required number of hours can use the credit hours earned from the GCPA program toward this deficiency. Those who hold a bachelor's degree in non-business related fields are encouraged to apply.

## GCPA Objectives

- Understand how accounting and financial decisions affect the firm's value, legal governance, and strategy.
- Develop the ability to interpret financial statements.
- Develop participants' understanding of auditing and assurance and taxation.
- Build participants' foundation of accounting principles, analysis, and legal environment.
- Acquire twenty-four credit hours of accounting course necessary for CPA examination.

## Program Schedule:

The next program is scheduled to commence in June 2010 and conclude in December 2010

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## For More Information or to Apply

- ➔ Visit:  
[www.shidler.hawaii.edu/GCPA](http://www.shidler.hawaii.edu/GCPA)
- ➔ Free information sessions on every island  
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## Two Program Tracks

GCPA or  
Combined GCPA & Master's of Accounting

Students can prepare for the US CPA exam and earn a Master's degree at the same time.

The Program's flexible structure is such that after successfully completing the GCPA courses the students can register and complete the Master's Program in Accountancy without any interruptions.

This Program provides students extra opportunities to retake the CPA exam if necessary during their Master's program.

## The Combined Program is Suitable for:

- Any student who graduated from college and wants to earn a Master's degree in accounting.
- Any students who graduated from college and wants to sit for the US CPA exam.
- Any accounting practitioner who wants to earn a US CPA license to enhance his/her market value and global business opportunities.
- Any individual who wants to pursue an accounting career as a CPA.

## Course Schedule for GCPA:

**\*\*Dates subject to change\*\***

ACC 581 – Financial Accounting I, (5 Credits)

June 14 – July 15, 2010

ACC 582 – Intermediate and Advance Financial Accounting, (5 Credits)

July 16 – August 18, 2010

ACC 583A – Cost Management, (2 credits)

August 20 – September 6, 2010

ACC 583B – Business Law, (3 credits)

September 7 – September 27, 2010

ACC 584A – Regulation & Accounting: Federal Income Taxation, (3 credits)

September 28 – October 23, 2010

ACC 584B – Regulation & Accounting: Taxation of Business Entities, (2 credits)

October 24 – November 14, 2010

ACC 585 – Auditing & Assurance, (4 credits)

November 15 – December 14, 2010