CAREER PATHWAY: ACCOUNTANT

What do they do? Analyze financial information and prepare financial reports to determine or maintain record of assets, liabilities, profit and loss, tax liability, or other financial activities within an organization.

People with these roles and responsibilities are also called: Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Staff Accountant, Accounting Manager, Cost Accountant, General Accountant, Accounting Officer, Business Analyst, Accounting Supervisor, Financial Reporting Accountant

Some typical job duties include:
- Prepare, examine, or analyze accounting records, financial statements, or other financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness, and conformance to reporting and procedural standards.
- Establish tables of accounts and assign entries to proper accounts.
- Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other tax requirements.
- Provide internal and external auditing services for businesses or individuals.
- Analyze business operations, trends, costs, revenues, financial commitments, and obligations, to project future revenues and expense.

MOST IMPORTANT OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS

Basic Skills: Active Listening, Mathematics, Writing
Social Skills: Social Perceptiveness, Coordination, Negotiation
Problem Solving Skills: Complex Problem Solving
Technical Skills: Operations Analysis, Operation Monitoring
System Skills: Judgment and Decision Making, Systems Analysis, Systems Evaluation

HOW MUCH DO THESE JOBS PAY IN OHIO?

AVERAGE: $64,520

OHIO JOB OUTLOOK

4,480 Annual projected job openings

CAREER PATHWAY AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Entry- Level ($40,000–$60,000)  Senior ($50,000–$75,000)  Managerial ($60,000–$100,000)  Executive ($100,000+)
Staff Accountant  Senior Accountant  Accounting Manager/ Financial Controller  Chief Financial Officer

REQUIRED FOR ENTRY:
Bachelor’s Degree
REQUIRED FOR ADVANCEMENT:
Bachelor’s Degree, Professional Certification
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CERTIFICATIONS THAT CAN HELP YOU ADVANCE:
Certified Public Accountant (CPA)  Accredited Financial Examiner
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants  Society of Financial Examiners
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