



Accounting

An Overview...

The complexities of modern business create the need for the professional skills of an accountant. Government and other non-profit entities are experiencing a growing need for accounting specialists. The traditional accounting functions of observation and recording, analysis and reporting, and verification of economic activities are expanding. The accountant today has become a business counselor involved in planning, controlling, problem solving, and decision-making; concerned with specialized systems for determining a wide variety of socioeconomic data; able to handle sophisticated computer applications; and who plans for, and assures compliance with, numerous tax and regulatory requirements.

Skills:

Communication skills:

- Written, oral & listening
- Ability to solve diverse and unstructured problems

Interpersonal skills:

- Ability to work with, motivate and manage individuals and groups with diverse members.

General knowledge:

- Appreciation of history and cultures
- Awareness of contrasting economic, political, and social forces throughout the world

Organizational/business:

- Awareness of effects on organization of economic, cultural and psychological forces
- Comprehension of the methods for creating and managing change in organizations
- Understanding of computers and computer applications

Some Professional Careers:

Actuary	Financial Analyst	Purchasing Agent
Appraiser	Financial Manager	Securities Sales Representative
Bank Executive	Financial Planner	Stockbroker
Budget Officer	Industrial Accountant	Systems Analyst
Chief Executive Officer	Internal Auditor	Tax Accountant
Chief Financial Officer	Internal Revenue Agent	Tax Collector
Controller	Investment Banker	Treasurer
Cost Accountant	Loan Officer	Underwriter
Educator	Management Accountant	
FBI Agent	Public Accountant	

Hiring Organizations:

Banks
Colleges/universities
Consulting firms
Government agencies
Health care agencies
Internal Revenue Service

Law firms
Marketing firms
Private industries
Research firms
Social service agencies
Tax Firms

Professional Organizations:

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