



CAREER PATH

Business, Management & Technology

CAREER CLUSTER
Finance

CAREER PATHWAY
Accounting



ACCOUNTANT / AUDITOR

Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records for the purpose of giving advice or preparing statements. Install or advise on systems of recording costs or other financial and budgetary data.

Knowledge and Skills Needed for this Career

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as an accountant are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Accountants and Auditors	3.7%	17.1%	79.1%
Financial Specialists	11.6%	26.3%	62.1%
Business and Financial Operations	15.5%	29.6%	54.9%

Most Common Educational/Training Level: Bachelor's degree

Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing.

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$21.27	\$27.43	\$36.07
	Yearly	\$44,200	\$57,100	\$75,000
Missouri	Hourly	\$18.64	\$24.44	\$31.67
	Yearly	\$38,800	\$50,800	\$65,900

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Accountant and Auditors	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	1,274,400	1,499,900	+18%	44,980
Missouri	26,630	29,030	+9%	740

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive.

For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Avila University

Kansas City, MO
(816) 942-8400
www.avila.edu

Central Methodist University - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Fayette, MO
(660) 248-3391
www.centralmethodist.edu

Colorado Technical University

North Kansas City, MO
(816) 472-7400
www.coloradotech.edu

Columbia College

Columbia, MO
(573) 875-8700
www.ccis.edu

Crowder College

Neosho, MO
(417) 451-3223
www.crowder.edu

Culver-Stockton College

Canton, MO
(573) 288-6000
www.culver.edu

DeVry University

Kansas City, MO
(816) 941-0430
www.devry.edu

Drury University

Springfield, MO
(417) 873-7879
www.drury.edu

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Evangel University

Springfield, MO
(417) 865-2811
www.evangel.edu

Fontbonne University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 862-3456
www.fontbonne.edu

Hannibal-Lagrange College

Hannibal, MO
(573) 221-3675
www.hlq.edu

Lincoln University

Jefferson City, MO
(573) 681-5000
www.lincolnu.edu

Lindenwood University

Saint Charles, MO
(636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Maryville University of Saint Louis

Saint Louis, MO
(800) 627-9855
www.maryville.edu

Missouri Southern State University

Joplin, MO
(417) 625-9300
www.mssu.edu

Missouri State University

Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Missouri Valley College

Marshall, MO
(660) 831-4000
www.moval.edu

Missouri Western State University

Saint Joseph, MO
(816) 271-4200
www.missouriwestern.edu

Northwest Missouri State University

Maryville, MO
(660) 562-1212
www.nwmissouri.edu

Park University

Parkville, MO
(816) 741-2000
www.park.edu

Saint Louis University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Saint Louis Community College - Florissant Valley

St. Louis, MO
(314) 513-4200
www.stlcc.edu/fv

Saint Louis Community College - Forest Park

St. Louis, MO
(314) 644-9100
www.stlcc.cc.mo.us/fp

Stephens College

Columbia, MO
(573) 442-2211
www.stephens.edu

Truman State University

Kirksville, MO
(660) 785-4000
www.truman.edu

University of Central Missouri

Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia

Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

University of Missouri - Kansas City

Kansas City, MO
(816) 235-1000
www.umkc.edu

University of Missouri - St. Louis

St. Louis, MO
(314) 516-5000
www.umsl.edu

Washington University

St. Louis
(314) 935-5000
www.wustl.edu

Webster University

St. Louis
(314) 968-6900
www.websteruniv.edu

William Jewell College

Liberty, Mo
(816) 781-7700
www.jewell.edu

William Woods University

Fulton, MO
(573) 642-2251
www.williamwoods.edu



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