VENTURA COLLEGE  CAREER PATHWAYS

ACCOUNTING

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Associate in Science (Transfer)  60 Units  (Business Administration)
Associate in Science  19-20 Units (Accounting)
Certificate of Achievement  19-20 Units
Associate in Science Degree  21 Units (Business Management)
Certificate of Achievement  21 Units
Proficiency Award  16 Units (Administrative Assistant)
Proficiency Award  14 Units (Bookkeeping)
Proficiency Award  12 Units (Medical Insurance Billing)
Proficiency Award  4 Units (Reception Skills)

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<th>JOB TITLES</th>
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<td>Accountant/Auditor</td>
<td>$31.29/hr.-$65,080</td>
<td>544,200</td>
<td>+8-14%</td>
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<td>Payroll Accountant</td>
<td>$30.55/hr.-$63,550</td>
<td>1,275,400</td>
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<td>Budget Analyst</td>
<td>$33.71/hr.-$70,110</td>
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- **Accountant/Auditor**
  - 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. Analyze business operations, trends, costs, revenues, financial commitments and obligations to project future revenues and expenses. Accountants ensure that financial records are accurate and taxes are paid properly and on time. Auditors inspect account books and accounting systems for efficiency, effectiveness and use of accepted accounting procedures. They discuss financial and regulatory matters with company officials. Develop, implement, modify and document recordkeeping and accounting systems, using current technology.

- **Payroll Accountant**
  - Advise regarding organization’s compensation, health care benefits, and design of accounting and data processing systems. Prepares periodic reports comparing budgeted costs to actual costs. Examine, analyze and interpret payroll accounting records to prepare financial statements. Perform any combination of routine calculating, posting, and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data for use in maintaining accurate payroll and accounting records.

- **Budget Analyst**
  - Budget analysts direct the preparation of regular and special budget reports. They examine budget estimates for completeness, accuracy and conformance with procedures and regulations. Analysts review budgeting and accounting reports and perform cost-benefit analyses to compare operating programs, review financial requests, and explore alternative financing methods.