



# Explore a Career as an **ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR**

## **What do Accountants and Auditors do?**

Accountants and auditors analyze financial information and prepare financial reports to determine or maintain records of assets, liabilities, profit and loss, tax liability and other financial aspects to an organization. Auditors specifically are responsible for examining and analyzing accounting records to determine the financial status of businesses, and prepare financial reports concerning operating procedures. In each of these careers, you will be working frequently with numbers and finances. Many accountants and auditors specialize, depending on the particular organization that they work for. Some work for organizations that specialize in assurance services, risk management or by specific industries such as healthcare.

## **Training & Educational Opportunities**

You will have plenty of employment opportunities as an accountant or auditor, but first you will need to complete training and earn a bachelor degree. Some employers may require you to become licensed as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

## **As an Accountant or Auditor you will:**

- Assess financial operations and make best practices recommendations to management
- Compute taxes owed, prepare tax returns, and ensure that taxes are paid properly and on time
- Examine financial statements to ensure that they are accurate and comply with laws and regulations
- Organize and maintain financial records
- Suggest ways to reduce costs, enhance revenue and improve profits

## **Accountants and Auditors are in demand in Kankakee County!**

Kankakee County employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow through 2020. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects this career to grow faster than the average for all occupations.

# Accountant/Auditor

## Training Providers

The following certified training providers offer programs and certifications to train for a career as an accountant or auditor:

- Governors State University
- Kankakee Community College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



## Types of Employers

There are many different types of companies that employ accountants and auditors in Kankakee County, including:

- Accounting firms
- Financial consulting firms
- Government agencies
- Insurance companies

## Wages & Openings

### Accountant/Auditor Employment Data for Kankakee County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$13.22
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$43.91
Average Annual Job Openings Kankakee County	49
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	1,606

## Opportunities

After you earn your degree in accounting/auditing, you will have many opportunities for advancement or specialization, including:

- Financial Accounting Analyst
- General Ledger Accountant
- Staff Accountant
- Tax Accountant



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