



## Graduate Certificate in Financial Accounting Required and Elective Courses

The Graduate Certificate in Financial Accounting provides the necessary academic preparation for students to pursue further graduate accounting education and prepare for the CPA exam. Topics covered are relevant to CPA licensure and include tax planning, understanding commercial transactions, ethics, accounting information systems, government and not-for-profit accounting.

The Graduate Certificate in Financial Accounting will be awarded upon successful completion of the 9-credit curriculum below.\* The courses are not listed in sequential order. All course work should be completed within three years of starting the certificate program. **Students should e-mail questions to [ManagementHelp@psu.edu](mailto:ManagementHelp@psu.edu).**

6-Credit Required Curriculum			
Course #	Course Title	Typically Offered	Sem/Grade
ACCTG 512	Financial Accounting Theory and Reporting Problems	Fall	
ACCTG 873	Advanced Topics in Financial Reporting	Fall	
3-Credit Elective Curriculum (See Below)			
Course #	Course Title	Sem/Grade	

### Program Electives

3-Credit Electives (Choose 1 course from the following list)	
Course #	Course Title
ACCT 532	Accounting Information and Decision Systems
ACCT 545	Strategic Cost Management
ACCTG 462	Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting
ACCTG 804	Data Analytics in the Accounting Profession
ACCTG 806	Taxes and Business Planning

Please visit our [Course Descriptions](#) page for additional course details.

NOTE: Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B) throughout the program. Courses may be applied to Great Valley Master's programs if admitted as a degree-seeking student. If degree-seeking, you must formally apply for degree admission: completing this certificate does not guarantee admission to a degree program. \*To be awarded the graduate certificate, students must successfully complete 9 credits of course work. Students must complete each course with a grade of C or better, and an overall grade-point average of 3.0 in the certificate courses.

Questions & Advising - Students should contact their assigned faculty advisors with any questions or for advice on course selection. After successfully completing the required course work, please submit a Graduate Certificate Completion Form at <http://greatvalley.psu.edu/form/graduate-certificate-completion-form>.