

# CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT





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## Description:

A certified public accountant (CPA) performs accounting, auditing, tax, and other consulting activities for corporations, government, nonprofit organizations, or individuals. Other responsibilities include preparing, analyzing, and verifying financial documents as well as conducting budget analysis. Accountants will often also specialize in a specific area (for example: auditing).

## Median Wage (as of 2005):

\$52,210

## Level of Education:

A.S., B.S., M.S., & License from New York State Board of Public Accountancy

## Job Outlook (through 2014):

18-26% increase in number of jobs

## Examples of Colleges & Affiliated Programs:

**Cornell University (College of Agriculture & Life Sciences)** – Applied Economics and Management; Business; Agribusiness; Interdisciplinary Studies in Agriculture; Animal Science

**Cornell University (College of Arts and Science)** – Economics; Mathematics

**Hobart and William Smith Colleges** – Economics

**Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)** – Applied Mathematics; Applied Statistics; Finance; Accounting

## Employers:

**Private Sector** – Aerotek Professional Services SM; Accountemps; Robert Half Finance and Accounting SM; RSM McGladery, Inc.; Farm Credit of Western New York; Deloitte & Touche USA; CapitalONE

**Federal, State and Local Governments** – Internal Revenue Service; New York State Office of Real Property Services; Ontario County Office of the Treasure

## High School/College Courses to Take:

Statistics, Accounting

Macro & Micro-Economics

Oral and Written Communications

Law Courses

## Related Professions:

Loan Officer

Financial Analyst

Personal Financial Advisor

Tax Examiner

Bill Collector



Cornell University