

Master of Professional Accounting (MPAC) - MPA

	On-campus	Online
Start:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Toowoomba, Springfield	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	2 years full-time, up to 6 years part-time	

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Current students
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Professional accreditation

Graduates of this program will meet the educational entrance requirements of [CPA Australia](#) and [Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand](#) (CAANZ). This provides Associate membership of CPA Australia, eligibility to study the CPA Australia professional exams and eligibility to study the CAANZ professional exams.

Successful completion of the Master of Professional Accounting program can qualify students for exemptions from the Fundamental level (9 papers) of the [Association of Chartered Certified Accountants](#) (ACCA) exams.

The Master of Professional Accounting is accredited by the [Chartered Institute of Management Accountants](#) (CIMA).

We recommend that graduates in Accounting from an overseas university obtain a qualifications assessment from CPA Australia before applying for admission. In many cases, such graduates may be required to complete only 3 - 4 courses to achieve Associate membership. These can be studied through a [Graduate Certificate of Business](#).

Local recognition (for overseas students):

For overseas candidates seeking membership of their home accounting bodies, full members of [CPA Australia](#) and/or [CAANZ](#) are usually offered reciprocal membership. This is a fast track to become a qualified accountant in one's home country.

Program aims

The Master of Professional Accounting is a professionally-oriented program that provides university graduates with the opportunity to acquire an accounting qualification recognised by the Australian accounting professional bodies. The program comprises 16 courses.

Program objectives

Successful completion of the Master of Professional Accounting should enable graduates to:

- prepare and analyse financial and management accounting reports
- audit financial records and statements and produce audit reports
- prepare taxation returns and advise clients on taxation issues
- comprehend and apply accounting theory to current accounting developments and problems

- understand and apply the principles of business finance and investment evaluation
- comprehend the legal framework within which businesses operate and apply this knowledge in addressing commercial legal problems.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian university Bachelor degree, or equivalent.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

Candidates without an acceptable Bachelor degree or equivalent and who have completed a minimum of five years' professional work experience equivalent to an AQF level 7 qualification may be eligible for entry into the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#), and upon completion and achievement of a minimum GPA of 4.0, may apply for entry into the Master of Professional Accounting.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program completion requirements

Course	Semester of offer Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester of offer Springfield campus
ACC5000			
ACC5200	1	1	1
ACC5213	1	1	
ACC5215	1, 2	2	
ACC5216	1, 2		
ACC5218	1		
MBA8000 Applied Business Research and Ethics	1, 2		1
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1, 2	2	2

FIN5003	1	1	
FIN8201 Corporate Finance	1, 3	1	1
LAW5230 Taxation Law	1, 2	1	1
LAW8500	1		
Select four of the following selectives: *			
CIS8000 Global Information Systems Strategy	1, 2	1, 2	2
FIN8202 Financial Markets and Instruments	2	2	
LAW8118 International Business Law	1		
MGT8033 Leading Organisational Change	1, 2	1	2
MGT8037 Leading Teams to Success	2	2	
PRL5002 Strategic Issues and Crisis Management	2	2	
PRL8005 Management Communication	1	1	

Footnotes

- If you have completed ACC8000 Research in Accounting Practice you do not need to enrol in MBA8000 Applied Business Research and Ethics
- * Students may choose other postgraduate courses with the approval of the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts. If you have completed ACC8105 Financial Statement Analysis, ACC8801 Corporate Governance and Social Responsibility and ACC8802 Strategic Applications of Management Accounting, please only completed one (1) selective
This course is offered in odd-numbered years only.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Exit points

A student who chooses not to complete or who does not maintain good standing in this program may be permitted to exit with a lesser qualification, provided they have met the requirements of that program. A student who successfully completes eight Master of Professional Accounting courses may, upon application, exit with a [Graduate Diploma of Business](#). A student who successfully completes any four courses for the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#) may, upon application, exit with that qualification.

Credit

As the Master of Professional Accounting is a conversion program, credit approved in the program does not automatically apply to other postgraduate programs offered by USQ. Credit may be granted on the basis of equivalent study completed at a recognised university. Candidates for the Master of Professional Accounting may be eligible for up to a maximum of eight units of credit. Up to four units of credit may be granted for an undergraduate degree in an accounting-related discipline area from a recognised university.

Semester 1 intake, Springfield, Toowoomba and Online

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
ACC5000	1	1, 2				1, 2	
FIN5003	1	1				1, 3	
FIN8201 Corporate Finance	1	1				1, 3	
LAW8500					1	1, 2	
Selective	1	2				2	
ACC5200	1	1, 2				1, 2	
ACC8000	1	1, 2				1, 2	
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1	2			1	1, 2	
ACC5213	2	1, 2				1, 2	
ACC5216	2	1, 2				1, 2	
ACC8801	2	2				2	
LAW5230 Taxation Law	2	1				1, 2, 3	
ACC8802	2	2				2	
ACC8105 Financial Statement Analysis	2	1				1	
ACC5215	2	1, 2				1, 2	
ACC5218	2	1, 2				1, 2	

Semester 2 intake, Springfield, Toowoomba and Online

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
ACC5000	1	1, 2				1, 2	
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1	2			1	1, 2	
LAW8500					1	1, 2	
Selective	1	1				1	
ACC5200	1	1, 2				1, 2	
ACC8000	1	1, 2				1, 2	
FIN5003	1	1				1, 3	
FIN8201 Corporate Finance	1	1				1, 3	
ACC5213	2	1, 2				1, 2	
ACC5216	2	1, 2				1, 2	
ACC8801	2	2				2	
ACC5215	2	1, 2				1, 2	
ACC8802	2	2				2	
LAW5230 Taxation Law	2	1				1, 2, 3	
ACC5218	2	1, 2				1, 2	
ACC8105 Financial Statement Analysis	2	1				1	