Overview
Only three percent of adults have career-boosting professional certifications — you can be one of them. Study online and earn an accounting certificate quickly and affordably — all while meeting Colorado CPA licensure requirements, including coursework in advanced auditing and accounting ethics.

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Earn a stand-alone graduate certificate in accounting, and explore these additional options:
• Complete two required courses to become a CPA in Colorado and one that bolsters your technology skills;
• Or, work toward a Master of Computer Information Systems degree and discover countless possibilities.

Curriculum
Required Courses
• ACT 540 — Professional Ethics and Responsibilities (3 cr.)
• ACT 541 — Forensic Accounting and Fraud Auditing (3 cr.)
• ACT 550 — Accounting Info Technologies (3 cr.)

Admission to a business graduate program and/or additional coursework may be required to meet prerequisites. Contact the department for more details.

Delivery
Online

Credits
9 credits
Additional prerequisite coursework may be required

Tuition
$842 per credit
• Includes Student Services
• Fees assessed separately
• Financial aid is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame
Can be completed in 1 semester

More info
online.colostate.edu/certificates/accounting-ethics-and-auditing

Contact
College of Business
cobgradinfo@colostate.edu
(800) 491-4622
Application Deadlines
Fall semester: **August 1**  
Spring semester: **January 1**

1 **Review Admission Requirements**
   Graduate certificate applicants generally must meet or exceed the following criteria:
   - An undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution in any field
   - A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from your most recent degree completed
   - International applicants: minimum TOEFL or IELTS scores

   1. While we encourage our students to meet the minimum criteria, failure to meet one may be offset by strengths in other areas, as determined by the Graduate Program Committee.
   2. Please submit an academic performance explanation if your GPA was lower than 3.0.
   3. A minimum Internet-based TOEFL score of 86 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a minimum of PTE score of 58 is required for all certificates except Accounting Ethics and Auditing, which requires a minimum Internet-based TOEFL score of 95 or minimum IELTS score of 7.0.

2 **Complete Online Application**
   Complete the [online graduate application](#) and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for recommendations or transcripts to move your application forward.

   - Choose “Accounting Ethics and Auditing (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

3 **Request Transcripts**
   Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required.

   Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

   - Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu
   - Send paper copies to:
     Graduate Admissions
     Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
     1062 Campus Delivery
     Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

**Check Your Application Status**
View your application status at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and notify you of their decision.

**International Students**
See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.