Overview

Only three percent of adults have career-boosting professional certifications – you can be one of them. And you can earn a graduate business certificate quickly and affordably – all while meeting Colorado CPA licensure requirements including coursework in advanced auditing and accounting ethics.

Combine three graduate-level courses to increase your expertise and marketability. Study accounting ethics, forensic accounting, fraud auditing, and leading best practice information technologies used in organizational accounting systems worldwide. Earn a stand-alone certificate and 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.

Courses, offered in a convenient online format, are taught by College of Business Department of Accounting professors.

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.

Contact

(800) 491-4622
cobgradinfo@colostate.edu

Delivery

Online

Credits

9 credits
Additional prerequisite coursework may be required

Tuition

$817 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

Completion requirements

Successful completion of 9 credits from the appropriate courses

More info

online.colostate.edu/certificates/accounting-ethics-and-auditing
How to Apply
Accounting Ethics and Auditing - Graduate Certificate

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 minimum of four years of professional work experience
   - 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.

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