Master of Professional Accounting (MPAC) - MPA

CRICOS code (International applicants): 082462B

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should contact us.

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.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

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 Finder.

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.

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.

