



# OHIO CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT PATHWAY



## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS AN OHIO CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (CPA)

Successful completion of 150 semester hours, including:

**24 semester hours in accounting** that cover financial accounting, cost/managerial accounting, auditing and taxation

**24 semester hours in business courses** that cover finance, management, economics, marketing, business law, business communications and business statistics

## EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AND GRANTS

The Accountancy Board of Ohio offers education assistance and grants to students who can demonstrate financial need and are seeking to become a certified public accountant. **Learn more: [acc.ohio.gov/becoming-licensed/education-assistance-and-grants](http://acc.ohio.gov/becoming-licensed/education-assistance-and-grants)**

### 1 BEGIN DEGREE

**Enroll in your Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in accounting,** which gives you the following credits:

- ✓ 30 semester hours in accounting
- ✓ 30 semester hours in business

### 2 DUAL ENROLLMENT

**Petition to become a dual enrollment student** during your junior year by maintaining the following:

- ✓ Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- ✓ Keep four open electives available to maximize this opportunity

### 3 FINISH AND ENROLL

**Finish your BBA in accounting and enroll in an MBA program** to complete your needed credits:

- ✓ Tiffin University offers finance, forensics and fraud examination or data analytics that each pair nicely with the field of accounting

### 4 GRADUATE

**Graduate with your MBA from Tiffin University!**

### 5 CPA APPLICATION

**Complete the CPA exam application** and pay all required fees:

- ✓ Application: [nasba.org/exams/cpaexam/ohio/](http://nasba.org/exams/cpaexam/ohio/)

## STIPULATIONS

The State of Ohio requires that you earn 150 semester credits, in total, to become a certified public accountant. The dual enrollment program outlined above allows you to accelerate the time to complete your BBA and MBA, but results in earning less than 150 semester credits. The solutions listed on this page provide ways to still leverage the dual enrollment program and earn 150 semester credits.

**SOLUTION 1:** You could take one class through dual enrollment, which would still allow you to meet the 150-credit hour requirement.

**SOLUTION 2:** You could complete a second concentration as an MBA student.

**SOLUTION 3:** You could complete one to two classes as undefined online electives as an undergraduate student.

\*Each solution will vary depending on transfer credit and knowing your pathway early is important, especially if you choose to capitalize on dual enrollment.