

A.S. in Accounting

Description of the Accounting Program:

The Associate in Science program in Accounting will provide students with the first two years of a Baccalaureate program in Accounting. The program has been designed as a transfer program and students will be advised that they should complete the baccalaureate degree in order to be prepared for careers in Business, Industry and Government. This program consists of courses which will allow students to pursue further education and careers in accounting, auditing, as well as financial operations and management fields.

For more information, see link below

<http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Hostos/media/Pathways/Accounting-AS.pdf>

Skills:

- **Communication Skills:** You need to be able to confidently communicate technical information to others with no accounting knowledge. It is important to be able to communicate clearly at all levels of the business.
- **Numerical Competence:** There's no need to be a Math genius but you must be comfortable with numbers and many employers also like individuals to have good grades in Math.
- **Interpersonal Skills:** You must be able to interact with others. Building relationships with people in the business is important as they will help you carry out your role.
- **Problem Solving:** In accounting you will often need to determine the best way to solve a problem. You may encounter challenges so it is important you find a way to overcome obstacles.
- **Time Management:** Accountants often work on several projects at a time so you need to manage and prioritize your work load to meet goals and deadlines.
- **Attention to Detail:** You have to pay attention to small details as miscalculations can lead to misinterpretation. Your training will teach you to take a methodical approach.

Employment Opportunities:

Accounts Receivable Clerk, Accounting Assistant, Billing Clerk, Bookkeeper, Management Trainee, Payroll Clerk, Financial Record Keeper, Tax Advisor and more.

Job Outlook:

Employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow 11 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations.

Career Path: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/accountants-and-auditors.htm>

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, in 2016, the median annual wage for accountants and auditors with a bachelor's degree in the United States was \$68,150. Most employers require a candidate to have a bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Certification within a specific field of accounting improves job prospects. For example, many accountants become Certified Public Accountants (CPAs).

Career Coach – Search career information and current local wage data

<https://hostos-cuny.emsicc.com/careers/accountant/about>