

The following disclosure is applicable to the following face-to-face licensure programs offered within the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University West Lafayette:

Accounting (Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Master of Science in Accounting)

The process of earning a Certified Professional Accounting (CPA) license is done by meeting specific education requirements, passing the Uniform CPA Exam, and meeting professional experience criteria. The individual state's Board of Accountancy will set its own requirements for students seeking CPA licensure in their jurisdiction, which in turn creates discrepancies between one state's requirements vs. another. It is highly recommended that students seeking licensure or certification in another state inquire directly to the jurisdiction where employment is desired. More information can be found via the state's [Board of Accountancy](#). Additionally, students can investigate the jurisdiction of desired employment's [State Specific Requirements](#) to accurately map out a licensure path.

In general, most states require 150 credit hours of education (including Bachelor's degree program) to qualify for licensure. It is for this reason that only the Bachelor of Science in Accounting, **combined with** the Master of Science in Accounting will meet the educational requirements for all states and territories. The Bachelor program alone will not satisfy state licensure education requirements.

Some states also require specific coursework to sit for the CPA Exam. These specifics are all included in the above link for State Specific Requirements. It is important that students understand these coursework requirements when creating their plan of study.

Please note: Subject specific courses may be required for California, Colorado, New York, Texas, or West Virginia.

American Samoa: At the present time, there is no way to become a CPA in American Samoa except through reciprocity.

For more information please visit the [National Association of State Boards of Accountancy](#) website and the [American Institute of CPAs](#) website.