Professional Certificate in Accounting

About the Program
The UC San Diego Extension Accounting Certificate takes approximately 1 ½ - 2 years to complete depending on the number of courses taken each quarter. You may potentially transfer up to 2 courses that have been taken within the past 5 years from an accredited U.S. university. Each course transfer must be approved per the UCSD Extension Certificate Policies.

Nine required classes must be completed to receive the Certificate in Accounting. Several additional classes are offered but are not required for the UCSD Extension Accounting Certificate. Please visit the certificate webpage at extension.ucsd.edu/accounting to view the required and recommended courses.

Courses typically last a duration of 11 weeks and are offered in the following formats: Online, Hybrid or In Class. Most certificate courses are offered every quarter. Visit the Accounting Certificate page to view the matrix showing the quarter and format in which courses are offered.

UCSD Undergraduates
UCSD students might be able to substitute some of the UCSD undergraduate accounting courses into the certificate program per the UCSD Extension Certificate Policies.

California CPA Information
The units from the nine required courses in the Accounting Professional Certificate are recognized by the CA Board of Accountancy as accounting coursework needed to fulfill the (24 semester units/36 quarter units) educational requirements to sit for the CPA exam.

For more information on the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) requirements and their process to evaluate your coursework for eligibility, please go to: www.dca.ca.gov/cba

Transferring Coursework
If you are considering applying UC San Diego Extension courses towards a degree at another university, please consult with the university you plan to attend. Transfer policies vary, so please consult with an academic advisor at your potential university.

Student Services
To enroll in a course, request a transcript, inquire about financial assistance or simply ask for driving directions – our Student Services staff is here to help. Contact Student Services at (858)534-3400, unex-reg@ucsd.edu, or stop by one of our locations. For more information on Student Services, visit extension.ucsd.edu/student.

Certificate Information
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