



## CPA LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### NEW JERSEY

Completing a DeVry accounting program does not guarantee employment or licensure. States may have work experience requirements not met through DeVry's educational programs.

State professional licensure or certification requirements are subject to change at any time. Current and prospective students are encouraged to contact the state licensure authority where they plan to practice, reviewing all licensure and certification requirements pertaining to their state.

State Licensure Authority	Educational Requirements	Experience Requirements	Ethics Requirements	Other General Requirements
<a href="#">New Jersey State Board of Accountancy</a>	<p>An applicant shall have completed at least 150 hours of education, including a baccalaureate or higher degree, and at least 24 semester hours in accounting and at least 24 semester hours in business courses (other than accounting courses).</p> <p>The 24 semester hours in accounting and 24 semester hours in business courses (other than accounting courses) may be completed either as part of a degree program or outside of a degree program.</p>	<p>One year of intensive and diversified experience in the practice of public accounting or its equivalent under the supervision of a Board licensee or an individual who is entitled to practice as a certified public accountant in this State as provided in N.J.A.C.13:29-4. Experience shall be obtained in full-time regular employment based on a minimum of 1,750 hours per year. Part-time experience shall be considered equivalent if acquired within two consecutive years and in no less than the same number of hours required for full-time experience. Experience shall be considered intensive and diversified if experience is acquired in the areas of auditing or accounting. Such evidence shall take the form of a notarized affidavit on the employer's letterhead indicating in detail the nature of the intensive and diversified experience in auditing or accounting.</p>	<p>Within 6 months of initial licensure in New Jersey, licensees must complete an orientation course, which at a minimum must include a four-credit course in New Jersey law and ethics approved by the board.</p>	<p>Be of good moral character.</p> <p>passed all sections of the CPA exam designated by the board with a passing grade of 75 in each section.</p>

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For preliminary guidance on whether a particular DeVry University or its Keller Graduate School of Management accounting program meets your state's educational requirements to sit for the exam, see below:

### DVU Programs that Meet the Education Requirements to Sit for the CPA Exam<sup>1</sup>

- Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- Master of Science in Accounting

### DVU Programs that May **Not** Meet the Education Requirements to Sit for the CPA Exam

- Undergraduate Certificate in Accounting
- Graduate Certificate in Accounting
- Master of Science in Accounting and Financial Management

### Notes:

- Students cannot earn CPA licensure simply by earning a college degree. According to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), you'll first need to determine where you plan to sit for the CPA exam since the education requirements to sit for the CPA exam are different for every state. For example, some states require 120 total semester credit hours to qualify, while others require 150 total semester credit hours.
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensure requirements established by each state, but **all states** require a minimum of 150 semester credit hours for licensure. DeVry's Bachelor of Science in Accounting (120 credit hours) will not, by itself, meet the education requirements for CPA licensure in any state.
- Students must be mindful to complete the appropriate number of credit hours in each subject matter (i.e., accounting and business) when registering for classes or choosing electives, as requirements vary by state.
- Although the Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Master of Science in Accounting and the Master of Science in Accounting and Financial Management may not individually lead to eligibility to sit for the CPA Exam or seek licensure as a CPA in certain states, it is possible that coupled with an undergraduate degree or an appropriate number of other accounting and business education credits, the degrees, and the specific courses taken may count toward the educational requirements in those states.

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<sup>1</sup> DeVry made the determinations for the graduate-level programs based on the prerequisite coursework required for the program or in conjunction with the appropriate undergraduate coursework. Please review the pertinent state-specific disclosure or contact the appropriate [State Board of Accountancy](#) for additional information.

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- If you are planning to seek professional licensure as a CPA, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity (in most cases, the state Board of Accountancy) in the state in which you plan to practice in order to seek information and guidance regarding licensure requirements and work with your Student Support Advisor to make sure you're able to take the required courses. CPA licensure requirements, including the educational component of those requirements, are state-specific and differ from one state to another. Each state's board of accountancy can be found by visiting the website of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy at: [NASBA.org](https://www.nasba.org).
- Some state laws require a criminal background check, which may disqualify an individual from obtaining licensure. As such, it is your responsibility to determine if your circumstances pose any barriers.