

## Business & Accounting:

# Associate of Arts Degree in Accounting



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## Put your love of numbers and sense of order to work in business.

Get an in-depth education in the theory and practice of accounting in just two years. Students preparing for an A.A. in accounting are required to complete 11 courses in their major including Principles of Accounting I and II and Intermediate Accounting I and I - the same courses required for B.A. Accounting majors - providing you with an outstanding foundation upon which to build your career.

In addition, as an Accounting A.A. major you will gain access to the Haller Enterprise institute, an innovative program that encourages students to begin their own business while they are still students. This program offers Introduction to Entrepreneurship, which teaches you how to develop a business plan and manage a small business and provides \$20,000 annually in scholarships to students involved in entrepreneurial activity.



*"Mathematics is really a liberal art if you look at it from a slightly different point of view."*

Steve Jobs | American entrepreneur

**With accounting skills, you can make any business – even your own – run more efficiently and earn larger profits.**

Learn to properly understand financial information and competently use that knowledge and your accounting degree can take you almost anywhere. There's not a business around that doesn't need an accountant, and with an accounting degree you're also well set up to start a business of your own.

You can also use your Associate's degree in Accounting as a stepping stone to a career as an accountant, financial planner, or CPA by obtaining a better-paying job while pursuing your Bachelor's degree.

### **Here's what an Associate's Degree in Accounting prepares you for in the Pittsburgh area:**

- **Accounting or Auditing Clerk** – earn a median salary of **\$43,722** per year recording financial transactions, updating statements, and checking financial records for accuracy.\*
- **Financial Clerk** – earn a median salary of **\$45,570** per year keeping financial records, helping customers and carrying out financial transactions in banks, medical offices or government agencies.\*\*
- **Certified Tax Preparer** – earn a median salary of **\$57,260**, helping to prepare state, local and federal taxes for individuals or businesses.\*
- **Accounting Technician** – earn a median salary of **\$46,135** undertaking a wide range of accounting, financial and taxation-related tasks for private companies or government entities.\*
- **Earn your Bachelor's degree!** The accounting courses you'll complete at Thiel will also count towards your B.A. in Accounting.

### **As an Accounting A.A. major at Thiel College, you will:**

- Receive close, personal attention from our faculty, thanks to our 11:1 student teacher ratio.
- Learn generally accepted accounting principles and be able to prepare financial statements.
- Understand the importance of independent audits and generally accepted auditing standards.
- Possess a basic understanding of the Internal Revenue Code and the impact of taxes on business.

For more information on obtaining an M.A. in Counseling at Thiel, contact the Office of Admission at [admissions@thiel.edu](mailto:admissions@thiel.edu) or visit [www.thiel.edu/admissions](http://www.thiel.edu/admissions).

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of Thiel students  
receive tuition assistance.

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