

# MASTERS in ACCOUNTING





# OUTPERFORM

## YOUR COMPETITION

Rise to the top of your field with a Wake Forest Master of Science in Accountancy degree.

Our program's historically high CPA pass rate and reputation with leading firms enables 100% of our students to consistently earn jobs by graduation.

# DON'T JUST GET A JOB. LAUNCH A CAREER.

Highly recognized and well-respected for our rigor and results, leading companies come to Wake Forest for the talent they need.

## Proven Outcomes

We consistently achieve a 100% employment rate for both paid internships and full-time jobs—and historically high CPA pass rates. Students typically receive multiple job offers, allowing our graduates to launch their careers with competitive salaries at major regional, national and international accounting and finance firms.

## Career Prep

The Center for Market Readiness & Employment offers programs and one-to-one coaching to help you develop a job search plan, polish your résumé and hone your interview skills. During twice-yearly “Meet the Firms” events, you’ll network with leading accounting and financial services firms, refining your career goals and making invaluable connections.

## Valuable Internship Opportunity

A fundamental part of the three-semester MSA program option is the professional internship, a nine-week paid position that provides real-world experience. Internships are for those students who enter the MSA program without a post-MSA job offer and are completed in the spring semester during the accounting busy season.

**“Wake Forest students are exceptional. We are so fortunate to hire these students for their work ethic, career enthusiasm, team focus and their high level of professionalism.”**

Melissa Miller, Campus Development Manager, KPMG



100%

EMPLOYED OR  
RECEIVED OFFER

CLASS OF 2017  
AS OF JULY

#1

CPA PASS RATE  
IN THE NATION

MORE THAN ANY  
OTHER PROGRAM IN  
THE PAST 20 YEARS

NASBA'S UNIFORM CPA  
EXAMINATION

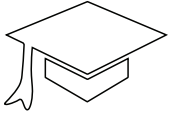
TOP 20

MASTER'S  
ACCOUNTING  
PROGRAM

PUBLIC ACCOUNTING  
REPORT, 2017



HIGH-CALIBER STUDENTS, DEDICATED FACULTY, AN INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM AND A COMMITMENT TO THOROUGH PREPARATION: It all adds up to explain why the Wake Forest MSA is among the nation's top accounting programs.



### BUSINESS ED REDEFINED

Classes and networking in Farrell Hall, a state-of-the-art, \$55 million learning complex



### INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

A supportive learning environment with access to professors and mentors with relevant real-world knowledge



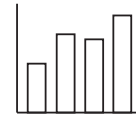
### HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

An optional nine-week, paid internship during the busy accounting season, which often leads to a full-time offer



### TOP RECRUITERS

A premier recruiting school for the "Big Four," plus leading national and regional accounting firms



### MEASURABLE RESULTS

Extraordinary pass rates on the CPA exam and a history of virtually 100% employment at graduation

## The WAKE FOREST DIFFERENCE

We are the Wake Forest School for Business. We shape performance-ready professionals who are driven to achieve results with integrity.

**Business is rapidly evolving.** Today, it's about more than what leaders know in their heads; it's also what they know in their hearts. It's having a foundation built on knowledge and skill—but it's also about developing grit and fostering character.

**The School of Business is consistently recognized** for its rigor and innovation, both by rankings groups and by recruiters who seek professionals of the highest character who can demonstrate a global mindset and make immediate, meaningful contributions to their organizations.





## OUR STUDENTS DON'T ENROLL. THEY COMMIT.

Through the MSA program, you'll acquire the knowledge and skills and develop the professional character you'll need to thrive in the diverse and changing field of public accounting and beyond.

**Experiential, practical learning.** You'll participate in intensive coursework, seminars and case-based research, giving you a broad, practical skill set.

**Our innovative program prepares you** for an enriching career in a broad range of fields, including assurance services/audit, tax consulting, and financial transaction services.

**Courses are taught by passionate educators** who are committed to personalized teaching and to their students' individual development.

## WHY I CHOSE WAKE FOREST

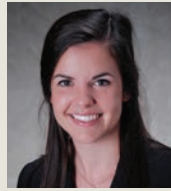


### Marquis Pullen (MSA '15)

Princeton University BA  
(Political Science)

**CURRENT POSITION:**  
PwC – Charlotte, NC  
Tax Associate

"I was drawn to Wake Forest by the fact the University consistently boasts 100% employment at graduation. I also placed a high priority on attending a university recognized for CPA exam success, and Wake Forest is at the very top in this regard."



### Sydney Goldstein (MSA '17)

University of Florida BS  
(Accounting)

**CURRENT POSITION:**  
EY – Washington, DC  
Audit Staff I

"I chose Wake Forest because it is a personalized program with a great reputation. Every interaction I had while applying showed me that the school really cares about its students. The high caliber education I received definitely prepared me to sit for the CPA exam and start my career on the right foot."



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## CLASS of 2018 PROFILE\*

**108**  
TOTAL  
STUDENTS

**54%**  
FEMALE

**25%**  
INTERNATIONAL

**17%**  
UNDERREPRESENTED  
GROUPS\*\*

**56**  
SCHOOLS  
REPRESENTED

**13**  
MAJORS  
REPRESENTED†

**3.54**  
AVG GPA

**642**  
AVG GMAT

*\*Class of 2018 (as of August 2017)*

*\*\*African American, Native American and Hispanic as a percent of domestic students*

*†Undergraduate majors: 63% Accounting; 11% Finance; 11% Humanities/Social Sciences/Sciences; 8% Business/Commerce; 7% Economics/Math*



# WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

#27 IN  
NATIONAL  
UNIVERSITIES  
U.S. NEWS & WORLD  
REPORT, 2017

TOP 12%  
SCHOOL  
WORLDWIDE  
TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION  
(THE) WORLD UNIVERSITY  
RANKINGS, 2016-2017

HIGHLY  
SELECTIVE  
SCHOOL  
FORBES AMERICA'S  
TOP COLLEGES, 2017

# DON'T JUST GO TO CLASS. GET TO WORK.

You'll complete **30 rigorous hours** of graduate coursework including a combination of required core courses and track-specific electives tailored to your career goals.

Two options to earn your Wake Forest MSA:

- **Two-semester option**

Traditionally, students who enter the MSA program having already accepted a full-time job offer choose the two-semester option. Students graduate in May.

- **Three-semester option**

Students who enter the MSA program without having accepted a full-time job offer often choose the three-semester option. Students have the opportunity to participate in a nine-week paid internship during the accounting busy season, which typically results in full-time employment offers post-graduation. Students graduate in December.

## Prerequisite Coursework

Wake Forest requires prerequisite courses prior to entering the MSA program for all students who have not completed the required coursework. These classes are offered on the Wake Forest campus the summer before the program begins in August.

*See back cover for a listing of these courses.*

## CPA Pass Rates for first-time test takers



54.5%  
NATIONAL  
AVERAGE



89.5%  
WAKE FOREST  
AVERAGE

## CPA EXAM PREPARATION

Wake Forest partners with the nationally recognized Becker CPA Exam Review and MSA faculty teach review sessions the summer following the second semester of the MSA program.

## Choose the track that best suits your aptitudes and career interests

### Assurance Services

**For careers in the assurance/audit practice area.** Courses include Advanced Auditing and Assurance Services; Forensic Accounting; and Negotiations.

### Tax Consulting

**For careers in the tax services practice area.** Courses include Tax Research Methods; Tax Policy and Planning; and Selected Topics in Taxation.

### Financial Transaction Services

**Exclusive to Wake Forest**

**For careers in the financial transaction and advisory services areas.** Courses include Financial Markets, Products and Transactions; Advanced Financial Management; and Business Analysis and Valuation.

# MSA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Open to All Majors • Schedule a Consult Today for Personalized Guidance

## Prerequisite Courses

- Principles of Financial Accounting
- Principles of Finance
- Intermediate Accounting I
- Intermediate Accounting II
- Introductory Tax

Satisfied at undergraduate level OR Summer term at Wake Forest University (\$900/credit hour\*)

## Choose From Three Career Tracks

Assurance

Tax Consulting

Financial Transaction Services  
(Exclusive to Wake Forest)

## Choose Between Two Program Options

### Option 1: Earn your Masters in Accounting in 2 Semesters

**Tuition: \$49,900\***

(Estimated tuition before scholarships)

Fall Semester  
Aug. – Dec.

Spring Semester  
Jan. – April

CPA Exam Prep  
April – June

### Option 2: Earn your Masters in Accounting in 3 Semesters

Includes paid internship opportunity for course credit during busy season

**Tuition: \$74,850\***

(Estimated tuition before scholarships)

Fall Semester  
Aug. – Dec.

Spring Semester  
Jan. – April

CPA Exam Prep  
April – June

Fall Semester II  
Aug. – Dec.

Paid Internship  
Jan. – Mid-March

\*Tuition/fees subject to change. See website for total cost of attendance.

## Key Dates

Online application available  
August 1

Early Application Deadline  
November 15

International Application Deadline  
March 1

U.S. Application Deadline\*\*  
(Domestic students only)  
May 1

Classes begin  
Late August  
(prerequisite courses begin in May)

NO SEPARATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIRED. Qualified applications submitted earlier receive admission and scholarship award priority.

\*\*Final deadline may be extended as space and scholarship funding availability allows.

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