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.
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
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.
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.

**OUR STUDENTS DON’T ENROLL. THEY COMMIT.**

**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.”
MASTERS in ACCOUNTING
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.*

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**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.

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

Prerequisite Courses
- Principles of Financial Accounting
- Principles of Finance

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
Paid Internship
Jan. – Mid-March
Fall Semester II
Aug. – Dec.

*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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