

FNU'S MASTER IN PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING (CPA) PROVIDES STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONE IN ON IMPORTANT SKILLS

To ensure a healthy financial position, one of the key aspects for an organisation is to ensure they employ good and qualified accounting and finance staff.

The skill with which financial transactions are kept in check and plans developed for future expansion is not easy to master, however, with the right qualifications and guidance, one can acquire the ability to understand and implement plans that will further strengthen the organisation's financial position and stimulate growth.

Accounting is considered one of the key departments in an organisation. There are many in-demand accounting career outlooks for individuals with appropriate training as they are the professionals who set the pace financially for a company or organisation and determine if the organisation is meeting its financial goals.

Therefore, the career prospects for accountants continues to be good year after year and as more students compete for entry into the fastest-growing and most critical areas of management, it has become imperative for individuals to upgrade their qualifications and skills to remain competitive in the market.

Fiji National University's (FNU) Master in Professional Accounting (MPA) programme, which is offered in association with CPA Australia, gives you the opportunity to have a pulse on market trends, learn best practices from industry professionals, grow a robust network and gain the most relevant and up-to-date skills you need to succeed in this field.

Upon completion of this programme, students will not only graduate with a Master's degree, but will also complete Education component to become a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA), which is a prestigious and internationally renowned professional qualification and could be the boost you need to a higher-level position in banking, taxation, insurance or any company with a financial division.

The CPA* courses are integrated with the Master of Professional Accounting (CPA) programme, so students can gain an academic qualification and complete their CPA education component concurrently.

Key Features:

- Courses included in this programme meet the education requirements for CPA Australia membership.
- Students will have opportunities to develop their research skills while undertaking this programme.
- Students will be able to develop their skills and capabilities to apply theories to solve technical challenges and accounting problems.
- Students can gain an academic and professional qualification in just two years' full-time studies.
- Access to face to face teaching and learning support from the University's experienced staff plus CPA programme study guides while preparing for the CPA Australia external examinations.

Programme Structure

The Master of Professional Accounting (CPA) comprises

of 12 courses. Six CPA Programme courses are embedded in the programme.

Programme Duration

Full-time – 2 years | Part-time – 4 years

***Please note that the Master of Professional Accounting (CPA) is only available for study at the Nasinu Campus in 2019.**

The University is also planning to offer this programme at FNU Namaka Campus. Students interested in undertaking the programme in Namaka are requested to contact:

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Entry Requirements

Below are the entry requirements for the Master of Professional Accounting (CPA) programme:

i. The minimum entry requirement for admission to a degree of Master shall be the completion of a Bachelor's degree programme in the subject with a minimum GPA of 3.0, or equivalent.

Applicants may also be admitted to the Master's degree programme who may not meet the requirement above, but who are able to demonstrate their ability to succeed in the programmes at this level on the basis of maturity, work experience, or prior learning. The Dean may place any relevant prerequisite requirement for such a student to progress, or require such as applicant to sit for any specific or general examination as a prerequisite for any such enrolment, or may restrict enrolment only to certain prescribed courses that must be passed to progress further. (UASR 4.16.4.1 and 4.16.4.2)

ii. Have completed the 6 CPA bridging courses; and

CPA Foundations of Accounting	FNU ACC501Sem
CPA Economics & Markets	FNU ECN501Sem, ECN502Sem and ENC603Sem
CPA Fundamentals of Business Law	FNU LAW501Sem and LAW603Sem
CPA Business Finance	FNU FIN601Sem
CPA Financial Accounting & Reporting	FNU ACC601Sem, ACC702Sem and ACC706Sem
CPA Management Accounting	FNU ACC502Sem & ACC602Sem

(*Students can complete bridging course from CPA Australia, FNU or any other accredited universities.)

iii. Be admitted as an Associate member of CPA Australia. Student will be required to pay AUD\$296.



I enrolled in the Master of Professional Accounting (CPA) in 2nd semester this year. The enrolment process was excellent. There are several advantages of pursuing this programme at FNU. The fees are discounted, the lecturers are experienced and conduct interactive sessions. We attend classes twice a week and studying with groups enables students to share knowledge and experience. We also have an opportunity to undertake additional practice for final exams via the CPA website, which is very helpful. It's a fun, interesting and a great learning environment and I look forward to completing this programme.

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