

## Earning Additional Credits towards Meeting Maryland CPA Licensing Requirements

To become a licensed CPA in Maryland, you need to have successfully completed your bachelor's degree in Accounting (or equivalent) and have earned a total of 150 credits, in addition to passing the CPA exam. When deciding how to achieve those additional 30 credits beyond your bachelor's degree in Accounting we strongly recommend that you approach this decision strategically since this can make you a stronger candidate for employment from the outset, plus give you more options later in your career.

You can extend your expertise in your chosen field by pursuing a graduate degree in Accounting or supplement your bachelor's degree by gaining expertise in complementary fields that are in high demand, such as business analytics, information technology or finance. At Towson we have multiple ways for you to achieve that 150 credit goal. Consider these many options:

### Graduate Degree in Accounting

- x [Accounting Combined B.S./M.S.](#) This allows you to earn two degrees and achieve 150 credits in as little as five years of full-time study. Students can select this option when applying to the Accounting Major. If accepted, they then take 30 credits (

take courses at Towson University, UB, or online.

### Graduate Degrees in a Complementary Field

- x [Masters in Applied Information Technology](#) This is a 33 credit (10 course) graduate level degree program that incorporates one or more graduate certificates in specialized content areas. Additional preparatory classes may be required.
- x [Masters in Marketing Intelligence](#). This is a 30 credit (10 course) graduate level degree program that integrates marketing research, strategy, analytics, data management and interactive marketing.

### Post Baccalaureate Certificates in a Complementary Field

- x [Computer Forensics Post-Baccalaureate Certificate](#). This is a 15 credit (5 course) graduate level certificate program that focuses on the design and management of large

database systems

provides features knowledge and skills in both health care and information technology.  
Additional preparatory classes may be required.

- x [Information Security and Assurance Post-Baccalaureate Certificate](#). This is a 15 credit (5 course) graduate

- x [Business Administration Major: Project Management and Business Analysis Concentration](#) The Accounting and Business Administration Majors share many courses as part of the CBE low level and upper level core. Students will take calculus (MATH 211 or MATH 273) and up to 21 additional credits (up to 7 courses) in required and elective courses in the Project Management and Business Analysis Concentration. In total, this option will contribute up to another 27 credits.
- x [Computer Science Major](#) The Accounting and Computer Science Majors share few courses. Students will take up to 23 additional credits (up to 24 required and elective courses) in the Computer Science Major.
- x [Computer Science Major and Track in Computer Security](#) The Accounting Major and Computer Science Major/Computer Security Track share few courses. Students will take up to 23 additional credits (up to 24 required and elective courses) in the Computer Science Major/Computer Security Track.
- x [Economics Major](#) The Accounting Major and Economics Major share several courses. Students will take up to 28 additional credits (up to 9 required and elective courses) in the Economics Major.
- x [Economics Major and Track in Financial Economics](#) The Accounting Major and Economics Major/Financial Economics Track share several courses. Students will take up to 46 additional credits (up to 15 required and elective courses) in the Economics Major.
- x [Information Systems](#) The Accounting Major and Information Systems Major share several courses. Students will take up to 10 additional credits (up to 5 required and elective courses) in the Information Systems Major.

- x [Information Technology Minor](#) Students will take 25 additional credits (8 courses) in required and elective courses in the Information Technology Minor.

#### Honors College

- x [Honors College](#) The Honors College has selective admission standards. Admitted students follow 24 credit (8 course) curriculum that features interdisciplinary study, research and cocurricular experiences. Often there is some overlap between the courses taken as Honors College requirements and the CBE lower-core curriculum.