

**BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT****GUIDED PATHWAY: APPLIED ACCOUNTING**For more information, visit [www.laredo.edu/](http://www.laredo.edu/) and your academic advisor.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing Accounting. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Applied Accounting<sup>1</sup>. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

The AAS degree in Applied Accounting is designed to prepare students for various career opportunities in accounting such as bookkeepers or junior accountants. Emphasis is placed on internal accounting principles and procedures as they related to external reporting. This program is intended to provide a foundation on which the graduate can build an accounting career through expanded experiences and/or further education. Courses that complete the Degree (D) and courses that complete the Certificate II (C II) or One Semester Certificate (C I) are noted below.

Visit [Career Pathways](#) to view guided pathways created for students who complete an AAS degree and the options for transfer. Speak with an academic advisor at your college to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university

**COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS (only for the AAS)**

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

**READING & WRITING PLACEMENT****MATH PLACEMENT****ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**TSI MET: **YES** NO

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

☐ INRW \_\_\_\_\_☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_TSI MET: **YES** NO

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☐ DEV MATH \_\_\_\_\_☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_TSI MET: **YES** NO

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☐ ESOL \_\_\_\_\_☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.

**SEMESTER BY SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS<sup>2</sup>**

D	C II	C I	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
◆	◆	◆	ACNT 1403 – Introduction to Accounting I	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before taking courses and again at the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or instructor to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing. Apply to obtain Certificate I award.
◆	◆	◆	ACNT 1429 – Payroll and Business Tax Accounting	
◆	◆	◆	POFI 1449 – Spreadsheets	
◆	◆	◆	ACNT 1431 – Federal Income Tax: Individual	

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16**

D	C II		SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
◆	◆		ACNT 1404 – Principles of Accounting II	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before taking courses and again at the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or instructor to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing. Apply to obtain Certificate II award.
◆	◆		BMGT 2303 – Problem Solving and Decision Making	
◆	◆		ACNT 1411 – Introduction to Computerized Accounting	
◆	◆		ACNT 1392 – Special Topics in Accounting: Technician (CAPSTONE)	

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 14**

D			SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
◆			MATH X3XX – Mathematics Elective (C)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before taking courses and again at the end of the semester.  your career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
◆			ECON 2301 – Principles of Macroeconomics (C)	
◆			ENGL 1301 – Composition I (C)	
◆			ACCT 2401 – Principles of Financial Accounting	
◆			XXXX X3XX– Language, Culture, and Philosophy/Creative Arts (C)	

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16**

D			SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
◆			ACCT 2402 – Principles of Managerial Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before taking courses and again at the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or instructor to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing. Apply to obtain Associates of Applied Science Diploma.
◆			ECON 2302 – Principles of Microeconomics	
◆			BUSI 1301 - Business Principles	
◆			ACNT 1491 – Special Topics in Accounting (CAPSTONE)	

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 14****AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS/PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

- Degree plans may change in later catalogs. Be sure to consult with your advisor if you are continuing on an older degree plan.
  - Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Laredo College awarding the degree.
  - Capstone Experience
- C This course counts for the Core Curriculum at any public college or university in Texas.

## Certification and Licensure Information

The Applied Accounting program requires that student take the ??? test in order to achieve the ??? certification. Tests are taken at ???.

## Career Information

### Common Job Titles

Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks; Billing, Cost, and Rate Clerks; Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks; Tax Preparers; Accountants; Financial Examiners; Auditors; Tax Examiners and Collectors, and Revenue Agents

### Regional Labor Market Information

Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks: New workers generally start around ???. Normal pay for Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks is ??? per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as ?? in this region. Over the last year, ?? companies have posted ?? jobs for Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks in the Laredo area.

Source: <http://www.???>

Accountants: New workers generally start around ???. Normal pay for Accountants is ??? per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as ???. Over the last year, ?? companies have posted ??? jobs for Accountants in this region. There are currently ??? Accountants that are employed in the Laredo Area.

Source: <http://www.???>

### Career and labor market research tools

(see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.???>,

Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O\*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

**Career Resources:** Laredo College career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at [http:// www.???](http://www.???). Students are encouraged to consult with their area of study advisor for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an LC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.

## Transfer Information

The Associate of Applied Science in Applied Accounting prepares students to directly enter the workforce; however, a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) is an excellent alternative to the Bachelors in Business Administration degree. The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree applies non-transferable courses and work experience towards the Bachelor's degree. You still must meet general education requirements and take upper level courses.

**Transfer Guides:** The universities listed here do not constitute a Laredo College endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of which courses will count toward a Bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.

**Texas A&M International University:** <http://www.tamui.edu>

**South Texas College:** <http://www.SouthTexas.edu>

**Additional Transfer Resources:** Laredo College transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: <http://www.???>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, area of study advisor, and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at LC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.