

# Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Cluster

The Business, Marketing, and Finance Career Cluster focuses on careers in planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations.

## Accounting and Financial Services Big Spring HS Program of Study



The Accounting and Financial Services program of study teaches CTE learners how to examine, analyze, and interpret financial records. Through this program of study, students will learn the skills necessary to perform financial services, prepare financial statements, interpret accounting records, give advice, or audit and evaluate statements prepared by others. This program of study will also introduce students to mathematical modeling tools.

### Secondary Courses for High School Credit

#### Level 1

- Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance
- Money Matters
- Business Information Management I/Lab

#### Level 2

- Accounting I
- Financial Mathematics

#### Level 3

- Accounting II

#### Level 4

- Practicum in Business Management
- Career Preparation I

### Postsecondary Opportunities

#### Associates Degrees

- Real Estate
- Financial, General
- Financial Planning and Services
- Certified Income Specialist

#### Bachelor's Degrees

- Accounting
- Financial, General
- Financial Planning and Services
- Certified Income Specialist

#### Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Financial Accounting
- Business Administration
- Financial Planning

### Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

#### Exploration Activities

- Participate in Business Professionals of America, Future Business Leaders of America, or DECA

#### Work-Based Learning Activities

- Intern with a local accounting firm
- Earn Microsoft Office certifications

### Industry-Based Certifications

- Accounting - Basic
- Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Access Expert (Access and Access 2019) Microsoft Office Specialist: Microsoft Excel Expert (Excel and Excel 2019)



### Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Accountants and Auditors	\$71,469	14,436	22%
Loan Officers	\$68,598	2,419	19%
Personal Financial Advisors	\$86,965	1,861	52%
Administrative service Managers	\$96,138	2,277	21%
Insurance Underwriters	\$66,206	594	14%

# Accounting and Financial Services Course Information

## Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance	13011200 (1 credit)	None	None
Money Matters	13016200 (1 credit)	None	None
Business Information Management I/Lab	13011400 (1 credit) 13011410 (2 credits)	None	None

## Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Accounting I	13016600 (1 credit)	None	None
Financial Mathematics	13018000 (1 credit)	Algebra I	None

## Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Accounting II	13016700 (1 credit)	Accounting I	None
Financial Analysis	13016800 (1 credit)	Accounting I	None
Insurance Operations	13016500 (1 credit)	None	None

## Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	COREQUISITES
Practicum in Business Management	13012200 (2 credits) 13012205 (3 credits) 13012210 (2 credits) 13012215 (3 credits)	None	None
Career Preparation I	12701300 (2 credits) 12701305 (3 credits)	None	None

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