# **ACCOUNTING CAREER PATHWAY – Government Agency or Regulatory Accounting**

This pathway involves maintaining the accounting records of public entities at the federal, state, county, and city levels, or enforcing regulatory compliance. Agencies and regulators have an obligation to manage and budget sources of public revenue and ensure that funds are used appropriately and responsibly. While accounting practices are similar, there are additional layers specific to government accountability and compliance practices. Most notable: IRS, SEC, State Taxing Authorities, and the Social Security Administration



18-24 credits

Agency or Regulatory Unit
Accounting Clerk

## Associate's

60 credits

Agency or Regulatory Unit
Accounting Clerk
Accounting Technician

### **Helpful Certifications**

Certifications help document special expertise. The following

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)
- Certified Management Accountant (CMA)
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Enrolled Agent (IRS)

Note: Federal and State Governments have structured guidelines for employment that carefully rank education and experience for accounting roles. See: <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/">https://www.usajobs.gov/</a>.

### **Bachelor's**

120-150 credits

Agency
Staff Accountant
Systems Accountant
Accounting Analyst
Budget Analyst
Cost/Contracting
Analyst
Financial Analyst

Regulatory Unit
CPA (SEC)
Compliance Auditor
IRS Agent
Treasury Agent
FBI Special Agent

### **Complimentary Studies**

Finance, business analytics, data analytics, information systems, fraud/forensic accounting, and cybersecurity.

# Master's

36 credits

Agency or Regulatory Unit
Chief Accountant
Chief or Director
Controller/Comptroller
Division Head
Supervisory Accountant
Accounting Officer
Inspector General Audit

### **Career Transitions**

Business/Data Analytics
Professional
Risk Analyst
Cyber Auditor
Fraud Consultant
Policy Consultant
Financial Advisor

(opportunities in other sectors: corporate, nonprofit)