Accounting Career Outlook 2014–2015

Accounting Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Accounting (B.S.)

**Field of Emphasis:** Accounting Information Systems

**Minors:** Accounting and Fraud Examination

**Department Website:** http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/accounting

**MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:**

Accounting is an information system that represents the economic resources and responsibilities of business or non-business enterprises. Monitored over time, it is used as a decision-making tool for the allocation of resources and evaluation of responsibilities. Accounting information impacts major economic decisions that have national and even global impact. The Accounting program teaches analytical, theoretical, communication, and leadership skills necessary for effective accounting and for advancement in public, private, government, and fraud examination careers. Upon graduation, accounting majors may write the Uniform Certified Public Accounting Examination, the Certified Internal Auditor Examination, the Certified Management Accountant Examination, and/or the Certified Fraud Examination. Certificates are issued upon attainment of a satisfactory score and completion of appropriate credits and the appropriate work experience.

**EMPLOYMENT AREAS:**

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that accountants and auditors held about 1.2 million jobs in 2012. They worked in offices, although some work from home. About 25% of accountants and auditors worked for accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping, and payroll services firms; another 8% worked for finance and insurance; 8% worked for state and local government, excluding education and hospitals; 6% worked for manufacturing; and another 7% worked for management of companies and enterprises.

**PROJECTED DEMAND FOR ACCOUNTING MAJORS IN MINNESOTA:**

MnCareers reports that the outlook for accountants is very good, with about 23,990 currently employed, and an average income of about $28.80 per hour.

**PROJECTED DEMAND FOR ACCOUNTING MAJORS NATIONWIDE:**

Focus™ reports that the nationwide demand for Certified Public Accountants will grow as fast as average through 2022, with people established in their career generally earning between $52,000 and $89,550 per year. The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that the accounting field is expected to grow 13%, as fast as average, through the year 2022, with a median annual wage and salary earnings of $63,550 in May 2012.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ACCOUNTING GRADUATES:**

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Accounting graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2012-2013 Accounting graduates, 87.2% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status.
LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU ACCOUNTING GRADUATES: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

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<td>IDC Companies</td>
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Krigbaum, Schnell & Jones, Ltd.
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Lakeview Bank
Lakewood Health System
Land-O-Lakes
Larson, Allen, Weishair and Co.
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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Lindahl & Cage, Ltd.
Lodge at Giants Ridge
Lund, Koehler, Cox & Arkema
Lutheran Social Services
McGladrey & Pullen, LLP
Members Cooperative Credit Union
Mikunda, Cottrell & Co.
Miller, McDonald Inc.
Mills Fleet Farm
Minnesota Department of Revenue
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Minnesota Legislative Auditor
Minnesota Office of Investment Management
Minnesota State College & University
Minnesota State Office of the Auditor
MinnTex Investments CO, Inc.
MN Office of the Legislative Auditor
Navas & Associates
North Country Business Products
Northeast Service Cooperative
Northland Tackle
NorthRidge Community Credit Union
Northwest Concrete
Northwestern Mutual
Ocel, Heimer & Associates, Ltd.
Office of the State Auditor
Paul Froletz Tax Services
Pricewaterhouse Coopers
Ramsey County
Randy Rozniak Ltd.
Reconstruction Experts, Inc.
Red Lake Band OF Chippewa Indians
Regional Enterprises Inc.
Reierson Construction, Inc.
Security Bank USA
Sibley County Human Services
Smartlink Card JSC
Sonder Chiropractic
Stampfl Associates, CPA
SuperValu Corporate Offices
The Insurance Office
Time Warner Cable
Titan Machinary
Uniprise
United States Internal Revenue Service
US Steel
Virchow Krause & Co.
Winthrop Resources

Auditor
Audit Associate
Staff Accountant
Accountant
Vice President of Operations
Financial Analyst
Accounting Coordinator
Staff Accountant
Auditing
Interim Controller
Accountant
Director of Accounting
Staff Accountant
Director
Staff Auditor
Business Services Assistant
Staff Accountant
Accountant
Internal Auditor
Revenue Tax Specialist
Office Services Supervisor II
Staff Auditor
State Program Administrator
Financial Reporter
Local Government Auditor
Accountant
Staff Auditor
Vice President
Accounts Receivable Associate
Payroll/Accounts Payable Specialist
Operational Manager
Executive Assistant
Accountant/Office Manager
Financial Rep
Staff Accountant
Local Government Auditor
Tax Accountant/Consultant
Accountant
Budget Analyst
Accountant
Accounts Payable
Grant & Contract Accountant
Accountant
Accountant
Audit and Compliance
Accounting Technician
Business Analyst
CMT
Staff Accountant
Staff Accountant
Customer Service Representative
Staff Accountant
Staff Accountant
Billing Account Representative
Federal Compliance Agent
Staff Associate-Accounting
Staff Accountant
Accountant

Denver, CO
Minneapolis, MN
Bemidji, MN
Virginia, MN
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Fargo, ND
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Bovey, MN
Keewatin, MN
Bloomington, MN
Hopkins, MN
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU ACCOUNTING GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

Note 1: Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.
Note 2: Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.
Note 3: Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

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