

## Accounting Associate in Applied Science

Do you enjoy problem solving and using technology in a business setting? Accounting might be your dream job. This highly-respected profession can earn well-deserved prestige and public confidence. People rely on accountants to examine, analyze, and interpret accounting data for the purpose of giving advice and preparing financial statements. Accountants also perform many other tasks vital to management such as preparing state and federal tax returns, and other reports. Responsibilities may also be in business management areas such as budgeting and controlling costs. Accountants perform duties manually and with computer assistance. The use of technology helps teach accounting skills while gaining the computer expertise required to succeed in today's competitive business environment. Plenty of individual attention in small classes, plus a friendly atmosphere, add up to a smooth transition into the job market.

### Employment Outlook

Riverland Accounting graduates are well prepared to launch rewarding careers with excellent potential for advancement. Most students who complete an AAS Accounting degree or Accounting diploma are successful at finding jobs following graduation. The AAS is a degree designed for employment or transfer to a BAS program. A public accountant can offer a variety of services including tax work and consulting to the general public for a fee. Private accountants work exclusively for one employer. Many certifications are also available. A Riverland advisor will be happy to discuss the best route for your career path.

### Related Programs

- Accounting (Diploma)
- Accounting Clerk (Diploma)



**Degree Type:** Associate in Applied Science (AAS)  
**Location:** Albert Lea, Online D2L/Web Enhanced  
**Program Starts:** Fall, Spring

**Total Credits:** 69  
**Course Plan:** Two Year  
**Program Costs:**  
Number of Credits: 69  
Tuition per credit: \$162.00  
*Estimated Total Tuition Cost: \$11,178.00*  
Additional Costs  
Other required costs: n/a  
Books: \$1450.00  
**Articulation Agreements**  
Southwest Minnesota University - BAS in Management

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## Accounting Program Curriculum

Keyboarding (min. 25 wpm) and basic microcomputer skills (Windows operating system, word processing, spreadsheet, and database) are necessary for success in this course of study. If student is not competent in these skills, the following course(s) are highly recommended. These credits do not count toward meeting the program requirements.

### Prerequisites (3)

Crs ##	Name	Credits
BUSO1620	Introduction to Computer	2
BUSO1607	Keyboarding Basics	1

### Required Core Courses (48 Credits)

Crs ##	Name	Credits
ACCT1001	Business Law	
ACCT1031	Business Math/Calculators	
ACCT1040	Individual Income Tax	
ACCT1099	Payroll Accounting	
ACCT1120	Business Income Taxation	
ACCT2011	Principles of Financial Accounting	
ACCT2012	Principles of Managerial Accounting	
ACCT2027	Microcomputer Accounting Applications	
ACCT2028	Microcomputer Accounting Systems	
ACCT2031	Intermediate Accounting I	
ACCT2032	Intermediate Accounting II	
ACCT2034	Cost Accounting I	
ACCT2036	Cost Accounting II	
ACCT2055	Governmental/Fund/Non-Profit Accounting	
ACCT2061	Professional Practice in Accounting, An Accounting Capstone Course	

### MnTC General Education Courses (19 or 20)

Crs ##	Name	Credits
ECON2292	Microeconomics or Microeconomics (ECON2291)	3
ENGL1101	Freshman English	3
HLTH OR PHED	A course chosen from the <a href="#">Physical Education/Health Category</a> .	1
MATH1110	College Algebra	3
PHIL1130	Ethics	3
SPCH1100	Fundamentals of Speech	3
SPCH1200	Interpersonal Communication	3

STAT2021	Fundamentals of Statistics or College Algebra (MATH1110) or Math for Liberal Arts (MATH1050)	4
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MnTC/General Education Electives Courses (1 or 2 credits )

Crs ##	Name	Credits
	For completion of the AAS Degree, at least one course must be chosen from MnTC/General Education; <a href="#">Humanities and Fine Arts Category</a> .	1 or 2