# **GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**

Banner Code: BC-CERG-GACT

**Graduate Program Office** 

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## Administration

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The 12-credit graduate certificate in government accounting provides an opportunity for students to acquire education in the field of government accounting with a federal government emphasis. George Mason is uniquely situated in the federal government space. Additionally, courses in the certificate program will also help prepare students to sit for the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exams sponsored by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA).

Courses taken in the government accounting certificate program can be applied towards the 10-course master's degree program.

The Graduate Certificate in Government Accounting operates on an 8week module structure and can be pursued in a distance learning format.

Tor verify if this certificate currently qualifies for Title IV Federal Financial Aid please visit the unit website (https://www.gmu.edu/financial-aidparent/eligibility/eligible-certificate-programs/).

#### Admissions & Policies

#### **Admissions**

Full eligibility and admission requirements can be viewed on the program website (http://business.gmu.edu/masters-in-accounting/governmentaccounting-certificate/).

## **Policies**

Students may use the credits completed as part of their graduate degree requirements in accordance with program requirements and AP.6 Graduate Policies (https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/ graduate-policies/). A maximum of 3 graduate credits taken at another institution can be transferred to the graduate certificate. The time limit for completion is six years from the date of admission to the graduate certificate. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 to complete the certificate.

All students registering for Costello College of Business graduate courses must have graduate standing. Non-degree student status is not available.

Graduate level courses offered by the Costello College of Business cannot be audited.

#### Requirements

## **Certificate Requirements**

Total credits: 12

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

#### **Required Courses**

| Code          | Title                                       | Credits |
|---------------|---|---------|
| ACCT 611      | Advanced Issues in Managerial<br>Accounting | 3       |
| ACCT 672      | Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting       | 3       |
| ACCT 742      | Governance and Ethics                       | 3       |
| ACCT 772      | Federal Accounting and Reporting            | 3       |
| Total Credits |   | 12      |

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