

Master of Science in Accounting Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Kassie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Seidman College of Business Master of Science in Accounting Program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining what this program entails. The Master of Science in Accounting degree is designed for students pursuing Certified Public Accountant certification and other accounting careers, including those individuals with limited undergraduate accounting course work. This is a 33-credit hour program and can be completed in 1 calendar year as a full-time student or 2-3 years as a part-time student. Employment of accountants and auditors is projected to grow 10% by 2026, faster than average for all occupations. In general, employment growth of accountants and auditors is expected to be closely tied to the health of the overall economy.

Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application, as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. The application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from an approved standardized test such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Additionally, the Master of Science in Accounting requires a one-page personal statement outlining students' educational goals and what they hope to accomplish with their degree. More program details as well as the online application can be found at www.gvsu.edu/seidmangrad.

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

As I mentioned, the Master of Science in Accounting program at Grand Valley is a 33-credit hour program with at least 15 of these credit hours in accounting courses. The remaining 18 credit hours are selected from graduate accounting and business courses, depending on the student's career interests and previous course work. Students interested in additional study in auditing or taxation may earn an emphasis by completing a series of courses in a respective area. In addition, students often use 3 of their credit hours as a paid internship that can serve as a steppingstone to a full-time job offer.

The Seidman College of Business and the Master of Science in Accounting program at GVSU enjoy strong connections to the local and regional accounting community, and students benefit greatly from these relationships. Quality faculty, connection to the accounting community, and a strong Certified Public Accountant pass rate help to set our accounting program apart from others. Small class sizes and state-of-the-art facilities help our students to achieve success. Additionally, the Seidman College of Business' graduate programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—the premier business accrediting body.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Science in Accounting graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Sonia Dalmia, at dalmias@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.