**CAREER INSIGHT**

**APPLIED ACCOUNTING**

**KEY FINDINGS**

- Accountants cross-cut nearly all industries and provide the financial expertise required to maintain, analyze, and report day-to-day financial information and activities within an organization.

- This occupation requires significant experience with mathematics and finance-related software.

- Accountants and auditors and other finance-related occupations are expected to grow more rapidly in Orange County.

**MOST IMPORTANT TASKS AND DUTIES**

1. Prepare, examine, or analyze accounting records, financial statements, or other financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness, and conformance to reporting and procedural standards.

2. Report to management regarding the finances of establishments.

3. Establish tables of accounts and assign entries to proper accounts.

4. Develop, implement, modify, and document recordkeeping and accounting systems.

5. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with tax requirements.

**EDUCATIONAL LEVEL BY TYPE**

- Associate’s Degree, 5%
- Bachelor’s Degree, 79%
- Master’s Degree, 5%

**TOP SKILL SETS**

- Mathematical Reasoning
- Knowledge of Economics and Accounting Principles

- Integrity
- Provide Accurate Information

- Critical Thinking
- Dependable

- Attentive to Detail
- Cooperation

- Strong Attention to Detail

**EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW**

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*Bright Outlook* occupations are expected to grow rapidly in the next decade, will have large numbers of job openings, or are new/emerging occupations according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

**RELATED COURSEWORK**

Personal Financial Planning Certificate Program