

CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM – Two-Year Review

Date: September 2, 2008

College: Citrus College

Program: Accounting

1. Purpose of this Program

Significantly Changed Purpose
In the Last Two Years

Minor Changes in Purpose
in the Last Two Years

No Changes in Purpose
in the Last Two Years



The Accounting Program encompasses an area of study which includes basic accounting, financial and managerial accounting principles, income tax accounting and accounting general ledger software. The Accounting Program within the Citrus College Business Department conducts the program with outstanding faculty to prepare students for transferring to universities, advancing professional careers, and for personal enrichment.

2. Demand for this Program

High Demand

Adequate Demand
for our students

Low Demand



Student demand for this program and for accounting classes remains strong. Accounting classes are generally among the first business classes to fill with students during student registration each semester. Eleven accounting sections were offered in the Spring 2008 semester. Average enrollment for those classes (as of the first day of the semester) was 34.3 students per class. This compares favorably with the average of 30.4 students for all business-related classes. Current information from the Employment Development Department shows that between the years 2004-2014, an additional 6220 accounting jobs will need to be filled. This amounts to a 15% increase in the demand for accountants in Los Angeles County. In the Los Angeles/Long Beach/Glendale area, accountant salaries range from \$45,000 at the lower end to \$80,000 or more for those in the upper quarter of the pay range. Median income for accountants in this area is approximately \$60,000.

3. Quality of this Program

Highest Quality

Meets Student Needs

Needs Significant
Improvement



The quality of the Accounting Program is high. The program is led by two outstanding full-time faculty members. Professor Borja and Professor Smolin, both of whom possess MBA degrees, and both of whom are CPAs with extensive real-world accounting backgrounds. They are complemented by a number of outstanding adjunct accounting professors who also possess outstanding credentials. The accounting faculty members consult regularly with members of their Advisory Committee in order to stay current on local business and industry needs.

4. External Issues

Benefits From and
Contributes to External Issues

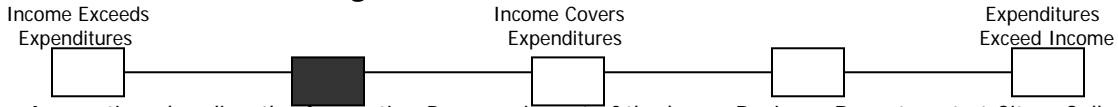
Complies with
External Issues

Not Consistent with
External Issues



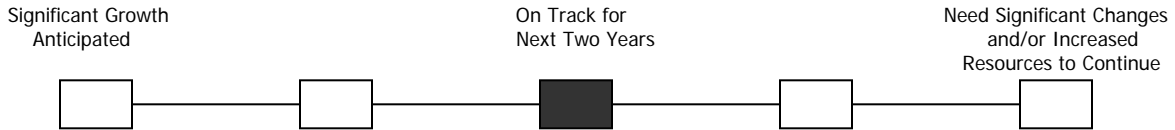
There are no external issues affecting the program at this time.

5. *Cost of this Program*



As mentioned earlier, the Accounting Program is part of the larger Business Department at Citrus College. Enrollment in accounting classes remains strong (as it does for most business classes). FTES generated by the Business Department in 2007/2008 was \$365.55, up somewhat from the 355.29 generated in 2006/2007 fiscal year. The total revenue to the college generated by these FTES is estimated at \$1,191,693 for the 2006/2007 fiscal year. This revenue is well in excess of the total Business Department expenditures during that same period of approximately \$800,000. The financial health of the department is strong.

6. *Two-Year Plan*



The most recent program review for the Accounting Program was completed in the Fall of 2004. The program is currently on-track for the coming 2-year period.

Signatures:

STEPHEN L. LINDSEY, Dean of Business and Distance Education

Date

ROBERT SMOLIN, Accounting Professor

Date

PATRICK BORJA, Accounting Professor

Date

IRENE MALMGREN, Vice President of Instruction

Date

To Board of Trustees on _____
Date



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Occupation Profile

Accountants and Auditors in California

Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records for the purpose of giving advice or preparing statements. Install or advise on systems of recording costs or other financial and budgetary data.

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Occupational Wages

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Area	Year	Period	Annual Mean	Annual by Percentile		
				25th	Median	75th
California	2008	1st Qtr	\$68,786	\$48,264	\$62,130	\$80,940

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Area	Estimated Year-Projected Year	Employment		Employment Change		Annual Avg Openings
		Estimated	Projected	Number	Percent	
California	2006 - 2016	142,300	175,500	33,200	23.3	5,820

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License Title	License Authority
Accountants, Certified Public	Department of Consumer Affairs, California Board of Accountancy 2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 250 Sacramento, CA 95815-3832 Phone: 916-263-3680

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