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JOB OPTIONS FOR ACCOUNTING & FINANCE PROFESSIONALS WITHOUT A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING (CPA) LICENSE

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Introduction:

In this guide you will find job titles/options for accounting and finance professionals without a CPA license. The CPA license is one that is extremely difficult to pass, but it is something that accountants may want to look into. Right now, there are still plenty of open positions in the accounting field that do not require one to be a CPA. The public perception is one that encourages a CPA to be hired over someone without a CPA, but some companies really do not care either way. Many people with degrees in accounting continue to work in the field without the CPA attached to their name. The biggest difference may come in the salary, but there are still plenty of accountants that are doing the same work as CPAs, just in the private sector. Accountants can still work at any number of different agencies doing taxes and working for private companies.

Accounting salaries can vary greatly based on numbers of factors including industry, company size, location, years of experience and level of education, your position in the accounting department. You can do entry level work, such as an accounting clerk or accounting assistant, and make an average salary from \$30-\$40,000 a year. Working your way up through the accounting department takes time and skill but as you do so your salary should increase. Moving up to accounting managers and beyond, you can easily make \$100,000 or more a year.

Potential Job Options without a U.S. Accountants (CPA) License

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For many position you do not need a license or to go back to school, but higher positions can be competitive. Also, learning and knowing how the U.S. accounting system works is important. Having a high quality, well-written and well-tailored cover letter and resume along with a high quality and complete online application will be important factors in being selected for an interview. If selected for an interview will you need to make sure you have practiced and are well-prepared for the types of questions you may get asked. GTI HIGHLY recommends utilizing GTI staff to help with applications before submitting.

Below is a list of possible job titles, but it is not an exhaustive list of all possibilities.

Jobs Titles that generally DO NOT require certifications/license

- Accounting Assistant
- Accounts Receivable Clerk
- Auditing Clerk
- Assistant Controller
- Bill and Account Collector
- Billing Clerk
- Bookkeeping, Accounting
- Budget Analyst
- Corporate Controller
- Cost Estimator
- Credit Analyst
- Environmental Accountant
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Clerk
- Financial Examiner
- Information Technology Accountant
- International Accountant
- Logistician
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Management Trainee
- Market Research Analyst
- Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners
- Payroll Clerk
- Personal Financial Advisor

- Security, commodity, and Financial Service Sales Agent
- Senior Financial Analyst
- Tax Examiner and Collector, and Revenue Agent
- Teller

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