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Postgraduate study in Accounting and Finance

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Postgraduate students work towards attainment of an advanced qualification. If you want to boost your expertise in a specialised area, are looking for a career change, or wish to study after some time in the workforce, CSU has flexible, internationally recognised postgraduate qualifications that will enhance your future career opportunities.

Masters

For entry to a Masters, applicants are required to have an undergraduate degree from a recognised Australian tertiary institution (or a qualification deemed to be equivalent). Some of our courses also require students to have work experience in a relevant area.

Applicants without a tertiary qualification may be admitted to a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma on the basis of professional qualifications and/or work experience. Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, students will then be eligible to apply for admission to a Masters and receive credit for applicable subjects.

Graduate Diploma

A Graduate Diploma offers a shorter time commitment and is designed for students who do not have a prior qualification in the discipline area. For admission to a Graduate Diploma, applicants must typically have:

- an undergraduate degree from a recognised tertiary institution and/or an equivalent professional qualification, or
- a minimum of three years’ relevant work experience.

Other combinations of work experience and/or qualifications may also allow you to enter the program.

Students who successfully complete a Graduate Diploma will be eligible to apply for further postgraduate study, such as a Masters degree.

Graduate Certificate

A Graduate Certificate can be the ideal first step to postgraduate study, even if you have never studied at university before.

There are two main entry pathways to a Graduate Certificate:

- an undergraduate degree from a recognised tertiary institution and/or an equivalent professional qualification, or
- other professional attainments and experience, such as three years’ relevant work experience or current professional certification in an area related to the field of study.

Students who successfully complete a Graduate Certificate will be eligible to apply for further postgraduate study, such as a Masters degree.
Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning
The Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning provides students with the opportunities to obtain the educational and competency skills necessary to operate as leading financial planning professionals for the 21st Century.

As this industry expands rapidly, the knowledge and skill levels required to be successful financial planners is expected to expand significantly. Students completing the course can elect to continue their studies by enrolling in the Master of Applied Finance.

For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/financial_planning_gc

Master of Applied Finance
- Graduate Diploma of Finance [exit point only]
- Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning [exit point only]
- Graduate Certificate in Finance

CSU’s Master of Applied Finance and Graduate Certificate in Finance provide the technical knowledge necessary to function in an evolving and increasingly sophisticated financial environment with an emphasis on the practical application of these techniques.

Finance is the lifeblood of all organisations. Businesses require staff with technical, analytical and conceptual skills in finance, credit analysis, investment, markets, internationalisation and financial management. The sourcing, raising and management of finance impacts all activities within the business environment, and this course prepares you for senior leadership positions within the finance industry, equipping you to apply advanced knowledge to finance problems.

The course is also designed to meet the requirements of those wanting to pursue a career in financial services. Students can pursue studies in areas such as financial planning, estate planning and superannuation; the fastest growing areas of our financial service industry.

For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/master-of-applied-finance

Master of Accounting Practice
Wishing to forge an exceptional accounting career? CSU’s industry recognised Master of Accounting Practice offers a highly specialised program for students wishing to gain a competitive edge in their career through acquisition of advanced skills and knowledge in the discipline.

The course offers accounting graduates a pathway for completing a recognised postgraduate qualification while concurrently receiving comprehensive tuition and support in preparation for the CPA Program® professional level examinations.

For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/accounting_practice

Graduate testimonial
“To anyone thinking of studying I would highly recommend CSU. They provide industry based, practical experience and offer a broad depth of study areas that can meet all areas of specialisation.

“CSU excels at understanding the difficulties of flexible study and staff are highly skilled and prepared to go to great lengths to ensure student needs are met.”

Karl Giese
CSU graduate

www.csu.edu.au/courses/business
Master of Professional Accounting
- Graduate Diploma of Accounting
- Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting

CSU's accredited Master of Professional Accounting is an ideal platform for a dynamic and exciting business career. Designed to build upon previous non-accounting undergraduate studies and work experience, our program complements existing qualifications with a professional accounting qualification.

For more information, visit: [www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/professional_accounting](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/professional_accounting)

Master of Professional Accounting (CPA Extension)

CSU's accredited Master of Professional Accounting (CPA Extension) is designed to build on previous non-accounting undergraduate studies to provide graduates with relevant technical and theoretical knowledge of accounting and related disciplines.

Within the program students complete the core knowledge requirements for Associate membership of CPA Australia. In addition, tuition and support for the CPA Program® professional level segments is provided by specialist staff to prepare candidates for the CPA Program® examinations.

For more information, visit: [www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/professional_accounting_cpa](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/professional_accounting_cpa)

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**Graduate testimonial**

“The distance education program from CSU provided me with access to some of the best lecturers and academics in the industry, but also fitted neatly around my existing career and lifestyle demands. If you lead a busy lifestyle like me, you’ll appreciate the flexible approach to learning, the wide range of electronic resources accessible through the library, and the subject coordinators who provide constructive feedback, practical advice and quiet encouragement. The professional network of friends and contacts you develop as part of the program also becomes important as you advance through the course and after you graduate”.

Brendan Southey
CSU graduate
“When I started to look for my first official accounting job, I gained lots of help from my friends and the career adviser at CSU. I am currently working in a Chartered Accountant firm as an accountant and undertaking the CA program. I would say working efficiently and having a great passion to learn at work is the highlight of my career so far.

“My drive and commitment has been influenced from my Mum who made it possible for me to study overseas at CSU, of which I am very appreciative.”

Ruoyun Wang
Postgraduate Accounting graduate
Masters admission requirements

To be eligible for entry, students must have:

- an undergraduate degree from a recognised tertiary institution and/or an equivalent professional qualification
- some courses also require students to have work experience in a relevant area.

Applicants without a tertiary qualification may be admitted to a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma if they can demonstrate appropriate professional work experience. Upon successful completion, students may apply for admission to the associated Masters and receive credit for applicable subjects.

Fees

Current course fee information can be accessed via the online course brochure or at:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/fees-and-costs

Fee paying students may be eligible for a loan to help pay for tuition fees through the Commonwealth Government Fee-HELP program. For more information visit: