

Accounting Program Assessment Report
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In our 2008 Accounting Program Assessment we tracked the Accounting graduates for Fall 2006, Spring 2007 and Fall 2007 and found that 80% (8 of 10) of our Accounting graduates have found appropriate employment or have been accepted into an MBA program. Note that the two graduates designed as not successful are so labeled not because they didn't find suitable employment, but because one could not be contacted for verification and the other is a very recent graduate who is still pursuing employment.

Based on the criteria established for this category, it can be concluded that the Accounting Program is successful in preparing students for initial success in post-graduation.

In this 2008 Accounting Program Assessment, however, the results of the comprehensive exam indicate there is room for improvement with respect to students retaining information over the course of their undergraduate education and the Accounting Program could improve upon that area. Success in the CPA Examination, the ultimate goal of accounting students, is dependent upon students being able to retain knowledge of the entire coursework of Accounting.

As a result of the somewhat poor comprehensive exam test scores, the Accounting Program is in the process of establishing a Capstone Accounting Course to reinforce all the concepts learned through the Accounting curriculum in order to better prepare students for the CPA Exam.