

# Careers in the Licensed Professions

## Certified Public Accountant

**Certified public accountants** (CPAs) operate under strict ethical standards to develop, analyze, and report financial information. Using this information, they advise individuals and organizations on financial matters. Examples of services:

- tax, estate, and trust services
- independent review of financial and other documents (assurance services)
- forensic accounting (e.g., for fraud investigations and legal proceedings)
- business consulting services
- financial planning

### Education

150 semester hours including a minimum of a bachelor's or higher degree in Accountancy from a Department registered CPA licensure program, or the equivalent.

### Experience

At least one year of full-time, qualifying experience under the supervision of a U.S. CPA.

### Examination

Uniform CPA Examination® (national exam).

### Salary and Projected Growth

- Median Salary: \$101,055 in N.Y.
- Salary range: \$64,224 (entry) - \$136,647 (experienced)
- Projected growth: faster than average

### Where Could I Work?

- Any industry: entertainment, sports, technology, travel, banking
- Federal, state, or local government
- Public accounting firm
- Non-profit organizations

### Your Interest and Abilities

- Information technology
- Data analytics
- Problem solving
- Business savvy

### Professional Skills

- Critical thinking
- Integrity and independence
- Leadership
- Business communications

