

CPA Exam

Education Requirements:

MSA students who were undergraduate accounting majors from UNCW meet the education requirement for the CPA exam. If you are a “boot camp” student, you will have met the education requirements at the end of the fall semester of the MSA program.

For information on education requirements to sit for the CPA exam, go to: <http://www.nccpaboard.gov/Clients/NCBOA/Public/Static/index.html> and click on Examinations on the left sidebar.

To sit for the CPA exam you must first complete an online application and mail it to the NC State Board of CPA Examiners. The application must be accompanied by 3 moral character references, official transcripts, and 2 copies of a recent passport photo. The application fee must also be enclosed. The application is at <http://www.nccpaboard.gov/Clients/NCBOA/Public/Static/index.html> and click on Examinations on the left sidebar.

EXAM FEES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2009	
Administrative Fee (initial applicants)	\$230.00
Administrative Fee (re-exam applicants)	\$75.00
Auditing & Attestation (AUDIT)	\$230.55
Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR)	\$218.15
Regulation (REG)	\$193.35
Business Environments & Concepts (BEC)	\$180.95

The Board will need to verify an initial candidate’s educational eligibility before issuing a **Notice to Schedule**, so the process will take a few weeks. A re-Exam candidate should receive a Notice to Schedule within a few days of applying to the Board.

After applying to the Board and receiving a Notice to Schedule, a candidate will contact the [Prometric testing center](http://www.prometric.com/CPA/default.htm) (<http://www.prometric.com/CPA/default.htm>) to schedule a testing appointment. The Notice to Schedule is valid for six months from the date of issue, so a candidate will have a set period of time to schedule and take the Exam section(s).

Recommended Sitting Order for CPA Exam by UNCW MSA Faculty

Students should be encouraged to sit for the exam in the following order:

Audit	January	4.5 hours	
Regulation	Late February, early April	3 hours	Bus Law, Tax, Ethics
BEC	Late May	2.5 hours	Econ, Finance, IT;
Financial	July	4 hours	Financial and Non-profit

Non Testing Months: March, June, September, December.

Note: The above schedule is recommended based on our curriculum and the order of content of the CPA Review course. You are advised to take the exam **at your own pace**.

CPA Exam Matrix Software

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<http://www.cpa-exam.org/>