

Baccalaureate Degree Program Proposal
Daytona State College (DSC)
Bachelor of Science (BS) in Accounting Summary

The proposed new baccalaureate degree program is an opportunity to provide citizens of Florida greater access to higher education.

- The highly specialized body of skills and technical knowledge acquired by the students who complete the BS in accounting will prepare them to pursue careers in public or private accounting that require a four-year program.
- Typical job titles include auditor, revenue tax accountant, forensic accountant, financial accountant, accounting officer, business analyst, cost accountant, financial reporting accountant and internal auditor.
- The BS in accounting has been designated as a \$10,000 degree; eligible students will be able to complete the program for a total cost of no more than \$10,000 in tuition and fees.
- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) workforce data and projections indicate a 12.2% increase in demand and project more than 1,000 accounting job openings in DSC's service area over the next eight years, for an average of 126 job openings per year.
- Currently, the five universities operating in DSC's service area graduate on average 34 students per year, leaving a gap of 92 openings annually. These universities had no objection to the proposed program.
- A number of organizations and businesses in DSC's service area support the proposal and indicated a need for four-year accounting degrees, including consortiums, advisory boards, community firms, chambers of commerce, service business firms, corporations and insurance agencies.
- Admission to the BS in accounting program will use the state's 2+2 model, and will be open to all applicants who have completed an associate in science (AS), associate in arts (AA) or at least 60 transferable credit hours.
- Graduates will acquire a wide array of skills related to accounting principles and theory, financial and managerial accounting, cost accounting, budget control, tax accounting, legal aspects of accounting, auditing, statement analysis, planning and consulting, business information systems, accounting research methods, and professional standards and ethics, to name a few.