March 31, 2020

Bemidji State University Master of Professional Accounting (MPA) NOI

Start Term: 20211 (Summer 2020)
End Term: 99999 (No End)

Program Details NEW PROGRAM (NOTICE OF INTENT)

This application has a 20 day review and comment period

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
- Bemidji State University

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM TYPE
Full: all courses offered by award granting college/university

NAME/TITLE
Master’s of Professional Accounting MPA NOI

# OF CREDITS (whole number)
30.00

AWARD
Graduate Degree

DELIVERY MODE
Online exclusively: must be completed entirely online; No face-to-face options available

CURRICULUM

This online program is intended to provide students with advanced-level skills & understanding required to function effectively in the dynamic, technologically complex, and rapidly changing accounting environment of today, as well as to prepare student for passage of the CPA exam.

Curriculum Design

Program:
Complete the following courses for a total of 30 credits:
- ACCT 5150: Advanced Accounting Systems (3 credits)
- MBA 5110: Business Analytics (3 credits)
- MBA 5120: Managerial Finance (3 credits)
- MBA 5130: Corporate Social Responsibility (3 credits)
- ACCT 6100: Accounting Theory and Research (3 credits)
- ACCT 6110: Financial Accounting/Rep (FAR) (3 credits)
- ACCT 6120: Business Environment & Concepts (BEC) (3 credits)
- ACCT 6130: Auditing & Attestation (AUD) (3 credits)
- ACCT 6140: Business Law, Ethics, & Tax Regulation (REG) (3 credits)

Capstone: • MBA 6145: Strategy and Management (3 credits)

PROGRAM DUPLICATION

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<td>Area from which 80% of students are likely to attend (counties/regions).</td>
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<td>The majority of our students are likely to come from other public and private Minnesota Colleges and Universities, including Bemidji State University. As is true with our online Bachelor’s program, we expect some students from all over the United States</td>
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<td>SCHOOLS THAT OFFER A SIMILAR PROGRAM</td>
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<td>St. Cloud State University offers a graduate certificate for CPA preparation, but no graduate degrees for that. Minnesota State - Mankato offers a Master of Accounting with some online components, but the degree is not entirely online.</td>
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<td>REGIONAL DISCUSSION?</td>
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<td>IS THIS A CLOSED ENROLLMENT PROGRAM</td>
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<td>Bemidji State University will be the only Master of Professional Accountancy program in our area.</td>
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Recommendation
Is the program unnecessarily duplicative? No
Evidence LMI Need Adequate
Summary
Other Program Properties
Cip Code: 52.0301) Accounting.
Emphases There are no emphases assigned to this program.

BSU Curriculum Forms

Curriculum Modification Summary

College: College of Business, Mathematics, and Science Department: Department of Accountancy
Proposer: Dr. Mary DuBois
Proposer’s position: Assistant Professor
Describe the modification(s) you propose, and how it (/they) will work to students' advantage. (This description and explanation will be included in Curriculum Report packets forwarded to the Faculty Senate.):
Our proposal is to offer a Master of Professional Accountancy, which will offer students a flexible way to take courses for their Master’s degree while preparing for the CPA examination and other professional responsibilities. CPA candidates need 150 credits of University work in order to sit for the CPA, so this program will allow them to meet that requirement as well. The program will be an online delivery model. Students will be able to take the program in one year of full-time work, or spread out their courses as they also work and study for the CPA using one of the following options.

Accelerated MPA Option (4 + 1 Program) The accelerated MBA (4+1) program option enables undergraduate students of Accounting to be accepted, and potentially start the MPA Program while pursuing their accounting bachelor’s degree. Students admitted into the Accelerated MPA (4+1) Program may have a limited number of graduate level courses counted toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree taken during their senior year. Before enrolling in a course to be counted as both undergraduate and graduate credit (mixed credit), an undergraduate student must be accepted into the program and receive prior approval from the graduate program advisor/director and the respective college dean. A maximum of 12 credit hours may be taken as Mixed Credit. Students who are interested in the program apply for admission during the fall/spring of their junior undergraduate year, allowing the option of taking MPA courses during their senior year that can be counted as elective courses for the undergraduate degree. Full Time students take 3 to 4 classes per semester, while Part Time students take 1 to 2 classes per semester.

Regular MPA Option This program option is for students who already have a bachelor’s degree in accounting from an accredited college or university. The program can be completed either full-time or part-time. Full Time students take 3 to 4 classes per semester, while Part Time students take 1 to 2 classes per semester.

To provide comments and feedback submit an email to: AcademicPrograms@minnstate.edu by April 20, 2020