

Brief Comparison Table – More comprehensive information can be found on the individual web pages.

	Master of Commerce in Accounting and Finance	Master of Accounting	Master of Accounting (CPA Extension)	Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting
Features	Suitable for qualified professionals needing to upgrade or update accounting and finance skills. It does not provide professional certification.	Suitable for non-accounting graduates seeking to become qualified professional accountants. It allows graduates to obtain professional certification.	Suitable for non-accounting graduates seeking to become qualified professional accountants. This program is suitable for international students who wish to reside in Australia while completing the CPA program, and local students who require extensive support for the CPA program.	Suitable for non-accounting graduates seeking to become qualified professional accountants. It allows graduates to obtain professional certification. Upon completion candidates may apply for entry to Master of Accounting or Master of Commerce programs.
Academic entry requirement	Bachelor degree with a major in either accounting or finance. GPA of 2.70 (out of 4.00)	Bachelor degree in any discipline from a recognized university GPA of 2.70	Bachelor degree in any discipline from a recognized university GPA of 2.70	Bachelor degree in any discipline from a recognized university GPA of 2.70
Preliminary Program	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
Course Requirements	Completion of 8 units in accounting and /or finance	Program consists of all units required for PG Dip. Acc. plus ACCG833 or ACCG834	Students must be eligible to enrol in the CPA program. Completion of the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting normally ensures eligibility.	24 postgraduate credit points plus up to 15 prerequisite credit points
Duration	One year full-time or equivalent part time	2-3 years full-time; 3-5 years part-time	2-3 years full-time; 3-5 years part-time	1-2 years full-time, 2-4 years part-time
English	IELTS 6.5 or equivalent	IELTS 6.5 or equivalent	IELTS 6.5 or equivalent	IELTS 6.5 or equivalent
Commencement	Commences February and July	Commences January, May, August	Commences January, May, August	Commences January, May, August