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Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants

AR Department of Finance & Administration Internships

Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration is currently advertising internship opportunities for the summer semester of 2024. There are fourteen (14) opportunities available. Although the deadline for summer consideration is **Wednesday**, **April 3**, **2024**, you may also apply for future internship opportunities at this time. Summer internships will begin on Tuesday May 28, 2024 and end on Friday, August 2, 2024. All positions are paid at a minimum of \$15.33 per hour and have a 40 hour per week work maximum. To apply, follow the links below.

- DFA Intern (Little Rock/Business Administration, Management, Marketing, Communications, Human Resources, Legal Studies/Law, Political Science, Public Policy/Administration, Cyber/Network Security, Web Development, Data Analytics, Computer Science, Business Information Systems, Management Information Systems, and other related majors) <u>DFA INTERN (arkansas.gov)</u>
- DFA Intern (Little Rock/Accounting, Finance, Economics, Mathematics majors) DFA INTERN (arkansas.gov)
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Visit https://arcareers.arkansas.gov and enter "DFA INTERN" or "INTERNSHIP" into the search bar. Select an internship from the list to apply. Or apply on Handshake https://app.joinhandshake.com/

For more information, contact Courtney Brown, Human Resources, (501)-371-6040, or email courtney.brown@dfa.arkansas.gov

ARCPA Mock CPA Exam Hosted by Surgent

Are you truly ready to pass the CPA Exam? Have you studied enough? Are you focusing on the right material? There is only one way to find out, give it a try! Sign up for the free virtual event on **Thursday, June 13, 2024**.

Students and non-certified Associate members are invited to participate in a live 4-hour mock CPA Exam (virtual) workshop hosted by the Arkansas Society of CPAs and Surgent CPA Review. This unique opportunity will allow you to experience what it is like to sit for any CPA Exam section as you immerse yourself in questions pulled from the actual CPA Exam Blueprints. Plus, you will receive your own personalized ReadySCORE (an accurate measurement of your actual exam score) as well as a detailed report showing your areas of strength and weakness for that section.

The event is free, but advanced registration is required; the information provided will be sent to Surgent to set up your simulation on Surgent's software. Don't go into exam day unprepared. Find out if you are ready - sign up today for this free virtual event!

To Register:

www.arcpa.org/become-a-cpa/mock-cpa-exam





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For questions, contact Robin Harris at ARCPA (501) 664-8739, or email rharris@arcpa.org

Meet the Members



Chase Haynes, CPA

Chase is one of our emerging CPA members. He is active on the ARCPA Emerging CPAs committee. He is an Audit Senior Manager for Landmark PLC in Little Rock. He was one of only 30 CPAs nationwide invited to attend the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) 12th



Leadership Academy in 2020. Chase is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, and an alumnus of Harding University. He enjoys watching football, attending Indianapolis Colts games, hunting, and spending time with his kids.

Best advice for students who are starting their career?

Make sure you look at the right factors when deciding where you want to work. In public accounting, the work you do is essentially the same no matter what firm you go to (there are only so many ways to audit cash). Don't just pick the largest firm or even the firm that offers you the most starting salary. Consider work life balance and the culture that you will be becoming a part of. If you have a good group of coworkers you enjoy working with, it makes the good days even better and the bad days a bit more manageable.

Best advice for studying for or taking the CPA Exam?

For the CPA exam, I think the biggest advice I can offer is not to get discouraged if it doesn't go as planned. I have seen too many people not do well on the CPA exam and decide that it is not meant for them. The CPA exam is tough, but passable if you devote yourself and your time to study. Find a study plan that works for you, set up a structured schedule for your plan and treat it as part of your job.



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Courtney Wilson, CPA

Courtney is a Senior Associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Courtney has been a member of the ARCPA since April 2022. Courtney is a native of Arlington, Texas and an alumna of The University of Arkansas Fayetteville.

What is your first memory of your involvement with ARCPA?

As a new member, my first experience and involvement with ARCPA is attending the chapter meetings.

What favorite activities/hobbies/volunteerism do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time, you'll find me either reading, playing guitar, or spending quality time with my dog, Piper.

Best advice for students on taking the CPA Exam?

Believe in yourself! There are going to be times when you don't want to study but don't give up. Setting a consistent study schedule will help prepare you for success.

Why did you become a CPA?

Having a CPA license opens so many more professional opportunities than not having a CPA license. Becoming licensed felt like a natural progression for my career.



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Student Conferences Discounts

Student members may attend ARCPA conferences for just \$15! (we're not kidding!) Meet and network with professionals and prospective future employers at any of these ARCPA events for \$15 each:

- End of Busy Season CPE
 & Fish Fry
- Industry Commerce & Banking Conference
- Equip Conference
- Fraud Conference
- Agriculture Conference
- AR Federal Tax Institute Call ARCPA to register: (501) 664-8739 or (800) 482-8739.

Becker CPA Review

Arkansas Society of CPAs associate or student members can receive a discount on the Becker Professional CPA Review for the full 4-part review course. Save \$300 off of the full 4-part review of either Live, Online, or self study review course format. Becker CPA Review classes correspond with the exam testing windows that you select.

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For more information on this member service, or to access ARCPA preferred pricing with Becker, ARCPA members should visit the partner page https://www.becker.com/arcpaPP.

CPA Review Courses



Surgent CPA Review

Surgent CPA Review can help students prepare for the CPA Exam-during or after their undergraduate or graduate education. The 100% online course utilizes a state-of-the-art adaptive learning platform that shortens study time and improves retention allowing students to prepare and pass faster! Enrollment includes access to 350+ 20 minute-or-less video lectures, a test bank of over 7,700 multiple-choice questions, over 400 simulations, customized study guides, and unlimited practice exams.



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Learn more, at https://accounting.uworld.com/cpa-review/lp/partner-organizations/

Become A Student Member Today! Membership is Free

Join Arkansas Society of CPAs (ARCPA) for free. Apply Online: https://www.arcpa.org/join

Familiarize Yourself With Spread JS-CPA Exam Sample Test

Effective January 2024, SpreadJS is replacing Microsoft Excel in the Uniform CPA Examination. The CPA Exam will include access to a SpreadJS spreadsheet that can be used to calculate responses and organize data provided. To help you prepare and familiarize yourself with the program before test day, you can try it on practice exams. You may access a free download and review the Spreadsheet FAQs to familiarize yourself with the spreadsheet tool. To access the tool, go to https://www.aicpa-cima.com/resources/download/the-uniform-cpa-examination-the-exam

IRS is Now Hiring Revenue Agents Nationwide

The Internal Revenue Service is now hiring hundreds of Revenue Agents nationwide. In some cases there may be a referral fee of \$500, when a hire is made. To find out how you can build a rewarding career, visit https://www.jobs.irs.gov. For information on various career opportunities within IRS, check out their YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/@irsvideos



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Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop Applications

Applications opened on March 1 for the annual AICPA & CIMA Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop (ASLW). The ASLW presents a breadth of career opportunities to college and university students. ASLW seeks to inspire the next generation of accounting and finance professionals and expand the diversity of talent for the profession.

What to expect at ASLW

Students learn strategies for networking, developing a personal brand, and creating a path to their dream career.

Experts from around the country offer guidance and share insights about their academic and career journeys and licensure options.

ASLW attendees also have an opportunity to seek mentors and ask questions in one-to-one conversations with professionals who attend the Accounting Pipeline Diversity Symposium, which runs concurrently with the Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop. ASLW is being held October 16-18, 2024 at the Marriott Atlanta Perimeter Center, in Atlanta, Georgia. The application deadline is June 15 and selections will be announced by August 1st.

The AICPA Foundation and other organization sponsors will cover the majority cost of student attendees' cost including transportation to/from the workshop location, hotel accommodations, training experience, and meals.

To find out more: https://www.aicpa-cima.com/resources/article/learn-more-about-the-accounting-scholars-leadership-workshop

Visit us on the web!

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See highlights and reflections from the 2023 ASLW here: https://players.brightcove.net/1485859309/default_default/index.html?videold=6346809407112. - A less than one minute video.