

The Details: CPA Licensure

All current students planning to pursue their CPA license will need to meet the following requirements. [Google “CPA Licensing Handbook”](#) to find the California Board of Accountancy’s full rulebook for first–time applicants.

Requirements for CPA Licensure

❖ Education required to take CPA Exam:

- 36 Quarter Units – Accounting Subjects
- 36 Quarter Units – Business-related Subjects
- Bachelor’s degree

❖ Education required to attain CPA License:

- 30 Quarter Units – Accounting Study
- 15 Quarter Units – Ethics Study
- Overall total of 225 quarter units of college education

❖ 1 Year Work Experience

❖ Pass CPA Exam

Find information about what specific classes are required by [Googling “CPA Board Tip Sheet”](#). While reviewing the tip sheet, note that semester and quarter units are weighed differently (*semester units x 1.5 = quarter units*).

- ❖ Rady offers additional accounting elective classes (including MGT133, MGT134, MGT138, MGT139, MGT146, and MGT147) to help students satisfy the CPA educational requirements. However, UCSD has a maximum unit limitation of 200 units and students need a minimum of 225 quarter units in order to be eligible for the CPA license. Extra units can be completed after graduation by obtaining a Master’s Degree in Accounting, or by taking additional courses at a community college, another university, or a continuing education program such as UCSD Extension.