

## **The “Wright Way” to Become an Accountant – The Path to the CPA Certification**

At Dalton State’s Wright School of Business (WSOB), we can help you refocus, or jump start your career through our accounting program. While we offer a traditional Bachelor of Business Administration degree (BBA) in accounting, we also help students with another bachelor’s degree to transition to the field of accounting. If any of these sounds like you, we can help:

1. Do you have a bachelor’s degree in accounting but need a few extra courses to meet the 150-hour qualification for the CPA exam?
2. Do you have a bachelor’s degree in another business discipline but would like to qualify and sit for the CPA exam and pursue an accounting career?
3. Do you have a bachelor’s degree in a field other than business but would like to qualify and sit for the CPA exam?

It is never too late to consider a career in the accounting field.

All states currently require completion of at least 150 credit hours, including a number of upper level accounting courses, plus successful completion of the CPA exam and some accounting experience, before applicants can earn a CPA license. Each state sets the specific requirements for eligibility (e.g., specific courses, ethics requirements, experience requirements, etc.). Dalton State’s Wright School of Business offers classes that cover all four sections of the CPA exam: Auditing and Attestation (AUD), Business Environment and Concepts (BEC), Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR), and Regulation (REG). So, it is easy to complete the remainder of the 150 credit hours beyond the BBA in Accounting’s 121 credit hours.

Students and graduates of the Dalton State College Accounting program know we are committed to our students and their success. We have a supportive and committed learning environment with faculty dedicated to your success at all levels. In addition, the WSOB holds the premier AACSB International Accreditation and Dalton State College has been recently ranked as one of the best schools for return on investment ("ROI") nationally.



### **Meet Beth Terry:**

#### **Alumni of the Wright School of Business and now a part-time accounting faculty member**

“When I moved to Calhoun, GA, from my hometown of Soddy-Daisy, TN, I enrolled in Dalton State College to finish my degree because it was the closest college to my new home. However, what I found here was different than my previous college experience. My professors and fellow students cared about each other and our successes in the program and in our careers. When I graduated with my Bachelor’s of Business Administration in Accounting in 2009, I knew I wanted to be a CPA. I also wanted to go to graduate school, but I knew that once I got a full-time job in accounting, it would be hard to coordinate work, graduate school, and the CPA exam. With the requirement to obtain 150 semester hours in accounting for licensure, I decided

to continue my studies at Dalton State after graduation, in the environment I was comfortable in, until I had completed the 150 hour requirement.”

“Having my 150 hours completed made me more attractive to the CPA firms I interviewed with, because they knew I was committed to obtaining my credentials, and just needed their help to obtain my required work experience while I completed and passed the CPA exam. The investment I made in my education at Dalton State continues to pay off as I progress in my career, and the value for the price is really second to none. Maybe just as important, the education and relationships I have gained from Dalton State have been invaluable to my life and career. I currently work for Jason Underwood, CPA PLLC, dba ERISA CPA in Chattanooga, TN as the Audit and Assurance Senior Manager. I am also a Freelance Accountant / Bookkeeper. I have been with Dalton State College as a part-time instructor in the WSOB since January 2020.”