

DISCOVERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Accounting and Finance Program

Computerized Business Applications Program

Office Administration Program

CURRICULUM GUIDE

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PURPOSE

Each of these programs is designed to provide the learners with the hands-on training required to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will enable them to work in a variety of administrative roles within the business community.

The area in which each graduate works will depend on his/her interests and on the individual programs completed. Graduates may work in accounting and/or payroll administration, in administrative support roles, in jobs requiring knowledge of computer software, and in either business or non-profit organizations.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Each of the programs described below is offered in two delivery models:

- In person in the classroom at a DCC campus
- In person online

Program Name

Accounting and Finance (AF)

- Orientation: online learning, DCC policy & procedure, financial literacy [20 hours]
- Manual Bookkeeping [140 hours]
- Manual Payroll [20 hours]
- Sage Accounting [100 hours]
- QuickBooks [40 hours]

Totals: 16 weeks and 320 hours

Computerized Business Applications (CBA)

- Orientation: online learning, DCC policy & procedure, financial literacy [20 hours]
- Introduction to Computers [28 hours]
- MS Outlook [16 hours]
- MS Word [60 hours]
- MS Excel [48 hours]
- MS PowerPoint [35 hours]
- MS Publisher [35 hours]
- MS Access [70 hours]
- Employability Skills [8 hours]

Totals: 16 weeks and 320 hours

Office Administration (OA)

- Orientation: online learning, DCC policy & procedure, financial literacy [20 hours]
- Completion of the AF and CBA programs [600 hours]

Totals: 31 weeks and 620 hours

Course information will be given to students at the beginning of each course. To graduate from each program students must satisfactorily complete all courses in the program.

Schedules may vary, and students must be prepared to attend in person and online classes as scheduled. Students will be in class for a minimum of twenty hours per week (emergencies excepted). Class times and schedules may change.

For online learning students will require a suitable device such as a laptop computer (preferably using Windows operating system), and access to internet services. We recommend a laptop with a keyboard (not just a touch screen) and additional devices such as a cell phone.

Each of these programs is offered in a self-directed learning format. Primary methods of instruction will include demonstrations, discussion, practice, individual guidance, and small group instruction. The AF program is delivered using Moodle to host content and guide students; the CBA program is delivered using MyIT Lab to host content and guide students.

Students are required to supply their own transportation for all off-site experiences.

RECOMMENDED STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Our experience has shown that participants in these programs will be more successful if they are:

- Willing to engage in class discussion
- Enjoy reading, research, and study
- Able to write and record information gathered
- Able to maintain excellent attendance in class
- Able to complete work on time

RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT

The required textbooks for this program are available through the College and will be distributed as needed during the courses. The instructor will supply other resources as needed. Students in campus will be learning in a well-equipped classroom. Computers are equipped with high speed internet access.

LEARNING OUTCOMESAccounting and Finance

- Keep an accurate manual financial record of business transactions and use accounting software to present informative financial reports.
- Keep an accurate manual and computerized financial record of payroll calculations; keep necessary records and prepare documentation required by various agencies; calculate and remit moneys to relevant agencies; ensure the business organization complies with regulatory requirements.

Computerized Business Applications

- Troubleshoot technical problems with computers and know how and when to ask for expert assistance; use the internet and email; use MS Windows to manage files and folders.
- Use a selection of computer software tools to accomplish a variety of administrative and management tasks that may be required in a 'typical' business environment; these tasks will include communication, information management, and number use.

Orientation Week

The focus in this course is on introducing students to information that will support their success.

- Student handbook of policies and procedures, review schedules (4 hours)
- College study skills (4 hours)
- Enriched Academy (financial responsibility) (8 hours)
- Microsoft Teams modules (online and in class learning) (4 hours)

EVALUATION

Student progress and success will be assessed regularly throughout each program. This will be accomplished using a variety of evaluation tools, including written evaluations such as tests, quizzes, assignments, and case studies. Assessment items used are fully described in course outlines.

Final transcripts will record all marks for courses within each program.

The passing mark for all courses is 70%. Each course within a program must be passed to graduate. Attendance of at least 80% is required for successful completion and graduation.

A perfect attendance certificate will be awarded to each student maintaining 100% attendance.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 12 graduation from BC secondary school or equivalent (ABE, GED), or equivalent from another school system OR be a mature applicant (must be 19 years old on the first day of class)
- If a mature applicant, then provide proof of completion of grade 10 English from a BC secondary school or equivalent from another school system OR complete a Discovery Community College English assessment
- Applicants who are non-native English users (who have not completed grade 10 English as described above) must provide proof of satisfactory English proficiency as follows (either IELTS or TOEFL or an equivalent test):
 - IELTS overall band score level 6.0 and a minimum score of 5.5 in each of speaking, listening, writing and 6.0 in reading
 - TOEFL total score 60-78 and minimum individual scores of Reading 13-18, Listening 7-11, Speaking 16-17, Writing 18-20

Applicants must meet with a DCC official and complete required documents.

REVISIONS

Information contained in this curriculum guide is correct at the time of publication. Content of courses and programs is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational, employment, and marketing needs. Students will be given notice of any changes as soon as possible.

