**Cluster Overview:**
Jobs in the Finance career cluster involve providing services for financial and investment planning, banking insurance, and business financial management.

**Pathway Options:**
- Securities and Investments
- Business Finance
- Accounting
- Insurance
- Banking Services

**Occupation Examples:**
Financial Manager, Comptroller, Insurance Sales Agent, Actuary, Estate Planner, Financial Advisor, Chief Financial Officer

For a complete listing, go to: [http://online.onetcenter.org/find/career?c=6&g=Go](http://online.onetcenter.org/find/career?c=6&g=Go)

### SUGGESTED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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### ADVANCED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**High School to College/Career Linkages**

**CTE START courses:**

**Advanced Placement or IB courses:**

**Dual Enrollment courses:**

**Online courses:**

**Other:**

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**MONTANA POSTSECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES**

*Montana University System Degree and Program Inventory: [http://mus.edu/Qtools/Degrees/degree_default.asp](http://mus.edu/Qtools/Degrees/degree_default.asp)*

*Your Guide to Montana’s Certificate and Associate Degree Programs: [http://mus.edu/2yr/YourGuide/](http://mus.edu/2yr/YourGuide/)*

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**MILITARY**
- Requires diploma or GED
- 17 with parental consent; 18 without

Air Force, Air Guard, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy
For more information: [http://todaysmilitary.com](http://todaysmilitary.com)

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE**
- Requires diploma or GED
- Less than 30 credits; little/no general ed credits
- Complete in one year or less

Payroll Accounting — FVCC
Bookkeeping — HC

**APPRENTICESHIP**
- Requires diploma or GED
- Must be at least 18
- Minimum 2,000 hours of supervised experience

See the MT Dept of Labor website for more information: [http://apprenticeship.mt.gov/](http://apprenticeship.mt.gov/)

**CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE**
- Requires diploma or GED
- 30-45 credits; limited general education credits
- Complete in one year or less

Accounting — CC, FVCC, FPCC, SCC
Bookkeeping — HC, HC-Tech, GC

**ASSOCIATE’S OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE**
- Requires diploma or GED
- 60-72 credits; includes 15-25 general ed credits
- Complete in two years *(if prepared academically in math and English)*

Accounting — HC, MC, CC, HC-Tech, GFC, FVCC
Accounting Technology — MC

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE**
- Requires 4-year college prep for admission
- 128 credits (approximately)
- Complete in four years

Accounting — UM
Business/Accounting option — MSU, MSUB
Business/Accounting option — MT Tech
Business/Finance option — MSU, MSUB

*Degree and Program Inventory above may not be all inclusive*