The Numbers Behind New England College’s MSA Graduates

Top Reasons Why Students Pursued the MSA Degree

- To be more competitive in the marketplace: 76%
- Personal satisfaction of earning a degree: 64%
- To expand their knowledge in the industry: 61%
- Looking to advance in the field: 51%
- Increase in salary: 44%

New England College Delivered

Of the MSA graduates who responded to the survey...*

- 97% agreed that the MSA degree expanded their knowledge in the industry
- 94% agreed that the degree helped them gain personal satisfaction
- 88% agreed that it helped them be more competitive in the job marketplace
- 76% agreed that the MSA degree helped them advance in the field
- 90% agreed that the degree provided them with functional competency in risk analysis, measurement, problem solving, reporting and research
- 87% agreed that the degree helped them move into a management or supervisory position
- 24% agreed that it helped them change their career or occupation
- 27% agreed that it helped them gain personal satisfaction
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Graduate Employment & Salary Outcomes

*Respondents were allowed to select multiple responses.

- 91% of the New England College MSA graduates are currently employed
- 55% of the responders indicated that they received a salary increase after they completed the MSA program.

What types of positions do the MSA graduates hold?

- Accountant
- Account Manager
- Bookkeeper
- Chief Financial Officer
- Controller
- Director of Finance
- Financial Analyst
- Financial Examiner
- Financial Planner
- Internal Audit Director
- Staff Accountants

Accreditation

NEC is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
New England College MSA students come from all over the US

What the MSA Graduates have to say

“I was pleasantly surprised by how challenging the courses were and enjoyed the interaction among the students. Even though I have been in accounting for a number of years it really expanded my knowledge of areas I have not been exposed to.”

– Jason Schramm, ‘12

“The MSA program at NEC provided me with a comprehensive outlook of the current and emerging issues in the accounting field and the specific accounting skills and ethical aptitude to be a positive contributor to the field.”

– Damian Richard, ‘13

“I am very pleased with my overall experience in the program. I was looking for a program that offered online instruction, regional accreditation and overall flexibility. The program assisted me to sit for the CPA exam, which I am currently in the process of studying. I highly recommend the program.”

– Dean Forbes, ‘12

Industry Trends

• Employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow by 16 percent from 2010 to 2020, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

• Stricter laws and regulations, particularly in the financial sector, will likely increase the demand for accounting services as organizations seek to comply with new standards. Additionally, tighter lending standards are expected to increase the importance of audits, as this is a key way for organizations to demonstrate their creditworthiness.

• Accountants and auditors who have earned professional recognition, especially as Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), should have the best job prospects. Job applicants who have a master’s degree in accounting or a master’s degree in business with a concentration in accounting also may have an advantage.

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New England College (NEC) was created in 1946 to serve the educational needs of service men and women after the Second World War. The College has retained its mission to be a pragmatic liberal arts and professional college, committed to understanding the needs of all humanity in an interconnected world. It seeks to develop self-confident, informed individuals who are able to find their way to a rewarding life with professional success and personal service.

The New England College online MSA program is:

• 100% Online
• Fully accredited by NEASC

Sources
New England College MSA Graduate Survey; www.bls.gov
The NEC Graduate Survey was sent via e-mail to 96+ MSA graduates on Aug 12, 2013. The survey closed on Oct 14, 2013 and 33 people responded