

Accounting, Bachelor of Science

Professional Licensure Disclosure

Program evaluated. Southwest Baptist University Bachelor of Science in Accounting (120 credits), using the required degree curriculum supplied from the current SBU catalog rather than optional credits a student may accumulate beyond the degree.

Meaning of the determination. MEETS means SBU's required 120-credit curriculum appears to satisfy the state's current degree and required-course component for an active initial-licensure pathway. DOES NOT MEET means the degree alone fails a current total-credit or required-course condition. The determination addresses education only and does not mean automatic eligibility or licensure.

Important: All applicants must satisfy the destination board's current rules, including transcript evaluation, the CPA examination, experience, ethics, residency or SSN conditions where applicable, fees, and application requirements. Enacted future pathways are not treated as MEETS until effective. Requirements change frequently; students must consult the state board before enrolling or making licensure decisions.

State	Official Source	Determination	Additional Requirements
Alabama	https://asbpa.alabama.gov/	DOES NOT MEET	A bachelor's-degree pathway is enacted but is not effective until October 1, 2026. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Alaska	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofPublicAccountancy.aspx	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must satisfy the Board's accounting-course requirements and pass the CPA examination; Alaska's current pathway does not impose the additional two-year experience condition used by most states.
Arizona	https://www.azaccountancy.gov/	DOES NOT MEET	A bachelor's degree pathway is enacted but is not effective until January 1, 2027. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Arkansas	https://labor.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Revised-Board-Rules-Now-in-Effect.pdf	DOES NOT MEET	Arkansas requires 27 semester hours of upper-level accounting, excluding accounting principles. SBU's required curriculum does not provide 27 upper-level accounting hours; additional qualifying accounting coursework is required.
California	https://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/	DOES NOT MEET	A bachelor's degree pathway is enacted but is not effective until January 1, 2027. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Colorado	https://dpo.colorado.gov/Accountancy	DOES NOT MEET	A bachelor's degree pathway is enacted but is not effective until January 1, 2027. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Connecticut	https://portal.ct.gov/dcp/license-services-division/all-license-applications/certified-public-accountant	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Delaware	https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title24/100.shtml	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Florida	https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/certified-public-accounting/	DOES NOT MEET	The state currently retains a 150-semester-hour educational requirement for initial CPA licensure; no active bachelor's degree alternative was identified as of the effective date. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Georgia	https://rules.sos.ga.gov/qac/20-3%2C20-3	DOES NOT MEET	Georgia requires 30 semester hours in accounting subjects above the elementary level. SBU's required curriculum does not provide 30 non-elementary accounting hours; additional qualifying accounting coursework is required.
Hawaii	https://cca.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Coursework-Form-CPA-16_0525-form.pdf	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Idaho	https://dopl.idaho.gov/pressrelease/new-licensure-pathways-effective-july-1-2026/	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Illinois	https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/publicaccountant.html	DOES NOT MEET	A bachelor's degree pathway is enacted but is not effective until January 1, 2027. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Indiana	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/accountancy-home/	DOES NOT MEET	A bachelor's degree pathway is enacted but is not effective until January 1, 2027. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.

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Iowa	https://plb.iowa.gov/board/accountants	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Kansas	https://ksboa.kansas.gov/cpa-exam-info/cpa-exam-qa/	DOES NOT MEET	Kansas requires 30 accounting hours, which the SBU curriculum provides, but it also requires an upper-division economics course and two business-law courses. SBU requires introductory microeconomics, introductory macroeconomics, and one business-law course; additional qualifying coursework is required.
Kentucky	https://cpa.ky.gov/becomingcpa/Pages/Initial-L-license.aspx	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Louisiana	https://cpaboard.state.la.us/becoming-a-cpa/	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Maine	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/accountancy	DOES NOT MEET	The state currently retains a 150-semester-hour educational requirement for initial CPA licensure; no active bachelor's degree alternative was identified as of the effective date. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Maryland	https://www.labor.maryland.gov/license/cpa/	DOES NOT MEET	A bachelor's-degree pathway is enacted but is not effective until October 1, 2026. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Massachusetts	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-public-accountancy	DOES NOT MEET	The state currently retains a 150-semester-hour educational requirement for initial CPA licensure; no active bachelor's degree alternative was identified as of the effective date. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Michigan	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/occ/prof/accountancy	DOES NOT MEET	The state currently retains a 150-semester-hour educational requirement for initial CPA licensure; no active bachelor's degree alternative was identified as of the effective date. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Minnesota	https://mn.gov/boa/assets/BOA%20Education%20Requirements_tc_m1233-750074.pdf	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Mississippi	https://www.msboa.ms.gov/licensing-exams	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Missouri	https://pr.mo.gov/accountancy.asp	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants need two years of qualifying experience, the CPA examination, and Missouri's required accounting concentration. The 150-hour or post-baccalaureate pathway remains available with one year of experience.
Montana	https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/docs/pac/cpap-checklist.pdf	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Nebraska	https://nbpa.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/education-guidelines-7.2026.pdf	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Nevada	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-628.html	DOES NOT MEET	Nevada's accounting-concentration requirements exceed the non-introductory accounting coursework guaranteed by SBU's required curriculum. Additional Board-acceptable accounting coursework is required.
New Hampshire	https://www.opic.nh.gov/board-accountancy	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
New Jersey	https://www.niconsumeraffairs.gov/acc/Pages/default.aspx	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
New Mexico	https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/accountancy/	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
New York	https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/certified-public-accountants	DOES NOT MEET	A bachelor's-degree pathway is enacted but is not effective until November 21, 2026. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.

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North Carolina	https://nccpaboard.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/PathwaystoOriginalNCCPALicensure.pdf	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
North Dakota	https://www.nd.gov/ndsba/	DOES NOT MEET	The state currently retains a 150-semester-hour educational requirement for initial CPA licensure; no active bachelor's degree alternative was identified as of the effective date. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Ohio	https://acc.ohio.gov/	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Oklahoma	https://oklahoma.gov/oab.html	DOES NOT MEET	A bachelor's-degree pathway is enacted but is not effective until November 1, 2026. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.
Oregon	https://www.oregon.gov/BOA/Documents/Initial%20Licensing%20Application%202026%20v2.pdf	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Pennsylvania	https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dos/department-and-offices/bpoa/boards-commissions/accountancy	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Rhode Island	https://dbr.ri.gov/building-design-fire-professionals-board-accountancy/board-accountancy	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants also need 3,640 hours of CPA-verified experience, the CPA examination, and the AICPA ethics examination with the required score.
South Carolina	https://www.llr.sc.gov/acct/forms/Education%20Guidelines%20and%20Transcript%20Evaluation%20Guide.pdf	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
South Dakota	https://dlr.sd.gov/accountancy/	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Tennessee	https://www.tn.gov/commerce/regboards/accountancy.html	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Texas	https://www.tsba.texas.gov/news/new-pathway-for-cpa-exam-and-certification/	DOES NOT MEET	Texas's 120-hour certification pathway requires 27 upper-level accounting hours, 24 upper-level business hours, and a three-hour accounting or business ethics course. SBU's required curriculum includes fewer than 27 upper-level accounting hours and only a one-hour ethics seminar; additional qualifying coursework is required.
Utah	https://commerce.utah.gov/dopl/accountancy/	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Vermont	https://sos.vermont.gov/accountancy/	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Virginia	https://boa.virginia.gov/	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Washington	https://acb.wa.gov/individual-licensing/education-requirements	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants also need 24 months and 4,000 hours of qualifying experience, the CPA examination, and other Board requirements.
West Virginia	https://www.wvaccountancyboard.gov/	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Wisconsin	https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/Accountant/Default.aspx	MEETS	An active bachelor's degree pathway applies. Applicants must also satisfy the state's specified accounting and business coursework, pass the CPA examination, complete qualifying experience (generally two years), and meet ethics, application, and other Board requirements.
Wyoming	https://accounting.wyo.gov/	DOES NOT MEET	The state currently retains a 150-semester-hour educational requirement for initial CPA licensure; no active bachelor's degree alternative was identified as of the effective date. Completion of SBU's Accounting B.S. alone therefore does not meet the state's current total-credit requirement. Additional coursework may allow an individual student to qualify.