
Helping shape your future Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

PwC's Academy

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About PwC's Academy

PwC's Academy is the educational business of PwC. Our goal is to help improve the knowledge, skills, competence and expertise of our people in finance and business; to help organisations across the region grow and retain their talent. Our foundation is our team of expert professionals who convey their wealth of knowledge and the practical experience they have gained within leading organisations around the world.

PwC's Academy is committed to supporting the sustainable growth of local talent across the region. Our expanding Academy currently operates across the Middle East from six countries: UAE, Oman, Egypt, Lebanon, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. PwC's Academies in the Middle East are part of a growing network of Academies present in over 30 countries worldwide. We offer a variety of training courses covering financial competencies, management skills and professional qualifications. Our courses are based on the best practices of PwC Global and the individual experiences of our experts. We constantly adapt our courses to meet the needs of modern business, customising them to our client's requirements and assisting our clients in reaching their organisational training and strategic objectives.

PwC's Academy's global network of professionals sets us apart from other providers. We communicate constantly, exchange best practice, ideas and experience. We take this knowledge and evolve our courses to meet the ever-changing needs of modern businesses and their people in the region; this way we make sure that we are providing the very best training programmes for our clients, our students and their sponsors.



About the CPA

The CPA exam is set by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and administered by the National Board of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA).

CPAs are trusted financial advisors who can help businesses and other organisations plan and reach their financial goals. They are qualified to handle a wide variety of business functions, including Chief Financial Officer, Chief Executive Officer, Finance Director as well as consultancy roles.

The AICPA has nearly 394,000 members in 128 countries, including CPAs in business and industry, public accounting, government, education, student affiliates and international associates.

CPA is one of the leading financial accounting qualifications in the Middle East. The CPA credential is a license issued by one of the 55 State Boards of Accountancy in the United States of America, and this can now be studied and examined outside the United States. Whilst the exam is uniform, licensing and certification requirements are imposed separately by each state's laws and therefore vary from state to state.

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Getting Qualified

The CPA designation is issued by one of the US State Boards of Accountancy. Each State Board of Accountancy has different requirements which must be met in order to be eligible to undertake the CPA qualification. Generally these include;

- A 4 year bachelors degree in accounting, finance or business
- A minimum of 120 credit hours to be eligible to take the CPA exams
- A minimum of 150 credit hours and 1-2 years work experience to apply for a CPA license
- A minimum of 24 semester hours in business, of which 12 must be in accounting
- The CPA exams are made up of a mixture of MCQ's, task based simulations and written questions
- The pass mark for the CPA exams is 75%
- Exams can be taken during the following four testing windows. January/February; April/May; July/August; October/November
- The exams can be taken at authorised test centres in Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon and the UAE

To get your CPA qualification, you must meet the eligibility requirements which include passing four exams of 3 to 4 hours each and gaining a minimum of relevant work experience.

Exams

Auditing and Attestation (AUD)

Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR)

Business Environment and Concepts (BEC)

Regulation (REG)

How long does it take?

How you study for your CPA exams is very flexible and the exams can be taken in any order. However from the date of passing your first exam you must take and pass all 4 exams within 18 months. Thus, it is usual to complete your training programme within 12 -24 months. This takes into account the time taken to get your credentials verified as each state's requirements may vary. For more information about getting your credentials verified and registering for the exam, please visit www.nasba.org or call us for guidance.

Our CPA training programme

Our CPA training programme is made up of a series of Comprehensive Preparation classes and an intense revision Boot Camp course.



Comprehensive Preparation Series

This is a series of lectures delivered by CPA's using a range of methodologies. Candidates have access to:

- Study modules containing 2800 pages of electronic/ printed study text
- A series of tests during the programme to monitor progress
- Bite sized lecture videos for every topic in each module
- Over 5500 AICPA past exam questions with answer rationales, 6200 proficiency questions, 450 task based simulations, diagnostic exam for each module and one computer based mock exam
- Over 4100 digital flash cards covering crucial testing points in each exam section
- Online and offline versions of study material



Revision Boot Camp course

In addition to the Comprehensive Preparation Series, PwC's Academy runs a 3 day intensive revision boot camp course, an ideal opportunity to brush up on weak topics and ask exam related questions. Our Revision Boot Camp includes:

- Up to 24 hours of classroom based revision
- Provision of summarized lecture notes for reviewing key topics
- Access to additional exam questions to solve and have marked in class
- A session on exam tips and techniques

Schedule and Fees

Programme	Term Starts	Total duration (Tuition and Revision)
AUD	February/August	40 hours
FAR	February/August	60 hours
BEC	February/August	44 hours
REG	February/August	50 hours

Programme	Fees per paper(AED)	Fees full programme (AED)
Comprehensive Prep Series	6,000	20,400
Revision Boot Camp	1,500	5,100
Full course	6,750	23,000

In addition early bird, group and corporate discounts may be available.





Why choose PwC's Academy

Ensuring you pass

At PwC's Academy our focus is to make sure you have all the knowledge and exam techniques you need to achieve your CPA qualification. Our core objective is to help you pass all four exam levels and our ability to do this is demonstrated by our exceptional pass rates.

Our CPA programme is designed to give you the knowledge you need to be an effective finance professional and ensure that you pass all four exams. We provide you with the very best course materials including online and offline resources. Our course materials are designed to help the learning process and make it simple for you to grasp complex topics. A 3 day revision programme helps reinforce key concepts and regular feedback ensures that you are always up to speed with the class.

Our lecturers

At PwC's Academy, our foundation is our fantastic team of lecturers, all of whom are not only CPA's but have huge experience teaching CPA. All our lecturers are experts in the subjects they teach and understand the exam requirements so that they are able to help you get the best results. Our lecturers are always close by so you don't have to wait until class to ask questions and get your problems solved.

Our premises

Our new Academy premises provide you with a professional environment in which to study and interact with other students and our lecturers. Our Academy is equipped with state of the art facilities including:



Free wireless in all classrooms and 8 desktop computers in the lounge area



Lounge area in which to relax and chat to other students and lecturers



Library with a full range of reference books



Provision of a quiet study area



Pantry area with comfortable seating and free tea and coffee



5 spacious classrooms

We are a 5 minute walk from the Dubai Mall and a short journey to Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). The Academy is also located on the metro line making us accessible no matter where you are coming from.

Going the extra mile

We want your time studying with us to be a positive and happy experience and so we provide a range of services that help you to get the most out of your time with us.

- Mentoring and guidance from the CPA course manager
- Programme advisors to help with registrations and to guide you throughout your studies
- Student counselling and career guidance
- Full time lecturers always available to help and support you
- Internship and graduate recruitment opportunities at PwC
- Student events and activities organised by PwC's Academy
- Student visas for international students
- Sessions on exam tips and strategies

Course manager and lecturer

Mary Borrromeo CPA

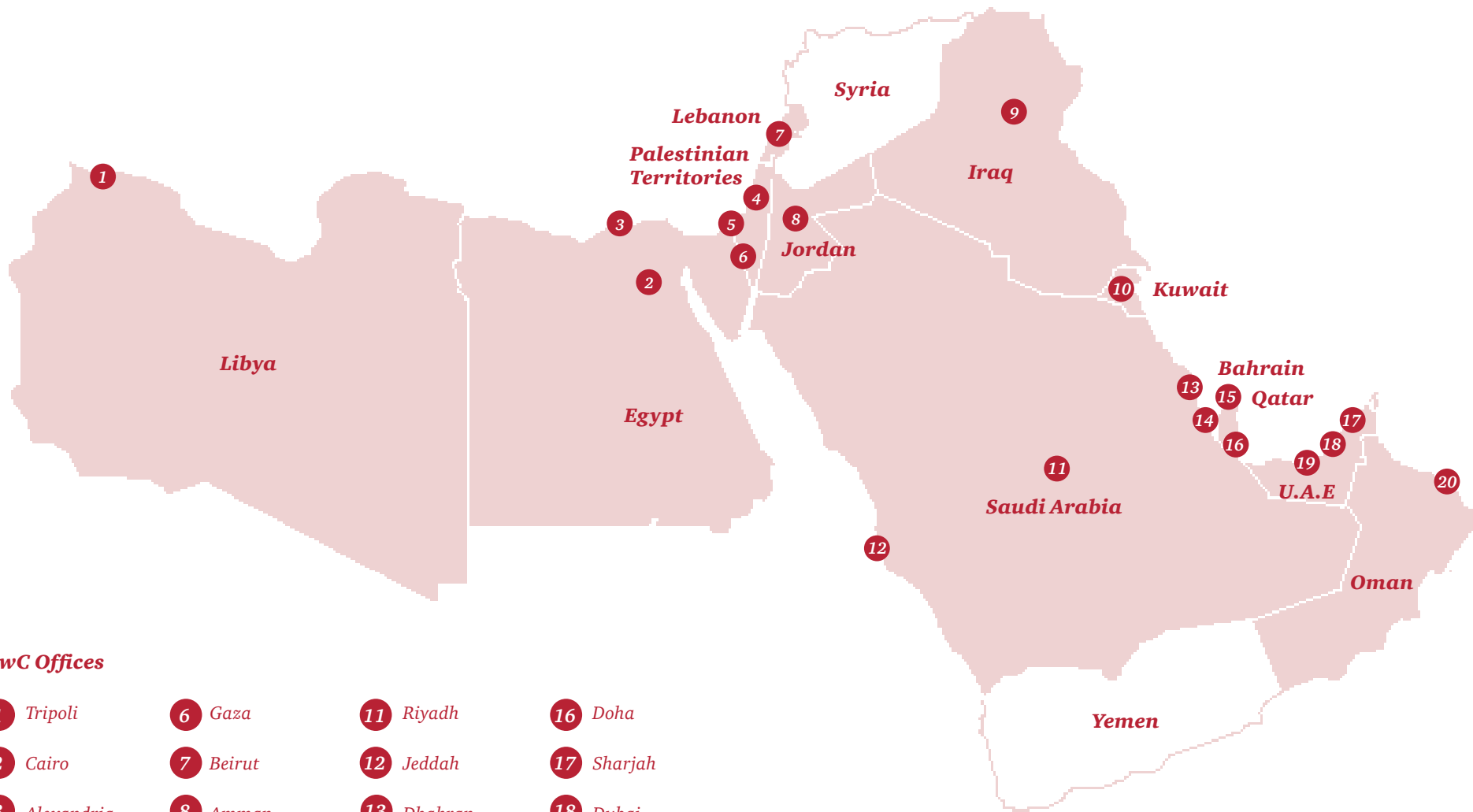
Mary is our CPA course manager and a specialist lecturer for CPA and has been involved in training PwC staff, in the fields of Financial Accounting and Reporting and Auditing for over 6 years as part of a learning and development of PwC staff initiative.

Mary is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with over 10 years of business experience within Big 4 Firms. She has been involved with assurance and business advisory for variety of clients in diverse industries from small companies to large multi-national companies such as Schlumberger, Lamprell plc, Lavendon plc, Al Tayer Group, Jumeirah and Dubai Properties. Mary is a specialist in the application of IFRS, US GAAP and Sarbanes Oxley 404.

In the training room Mary's vast business experience is evident in her teaching style. Tough topics are broken down and taught through the use of real life scenarios.







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