



ACCOUNTING TRAINING

Getting that Important On-The-Job Accounting Training



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INTRODUCTION

Accounting Training

If you are looking for a career in accounting or bookkeeping, your first stop should be a university to get a degree in business or accounting. At least some college education is becoming increasingly mandatory in today's high pressure business world. Can you make it as a bookkeeping clerk for a small business without a degree? Possibly, but your chances for advancement and promotion will be limited. Still, even with a four year degree, there will be a considerable amount of on the job training required, so don't think just because you have the classroom education that you've learned all there is to know about this complex field.

At the time of receiving your on the job training, you will likely be put under the supervision of an older accounting clerk who knows the ins and outs of not only accounting in general, but as it relates to the company in particular. This is where your training will be most important, and where it will differ from your college education. The degree you possess cannot possibly prepare you for everything that will come at you in a real world environment. It has been said by many an accounting graduate that they learned more in six months on the job than they did in four years of college. Alas, it is the way of the world. Theories and exercises have their place as a foundation, but nothing quite matches the practicality of getting your hands dirty. Ask any university instructor. They'll tell you the same.

If you have gotten that job without or even with a college degree, you may find it helpful to take the necessary classes to become a certified public accountant. This will allow you greater flexibility in your choice of jobs, as well as give you another edge over the competition. To become certified, a bookkeeper or accountant will need at least two years of real world experience as well as having completed the necessary course requirements. There is also a code of ethics the accountant must uphold. Of course, in today's internet world, it should come as no surprise that many of these courses and tests are available online, making it that much easier to complete while still working for a living.