

There are four E's you'll need to check off on the road to becoming a CPA in Connecticut.

Education

To **sit for the CPA Exam in Connecticut**, you'll need a bachelor's degree (120 hours) from a regionally accredited four-year college or university that includes:

- At least 46 credit hours in the study of accounting and related subjects, including but not limited to business law, economics, and finance.
- At least 24 of those credit hours must be in the study of accounting.

To **apply for your CPA credential in Connecticut**, you'll need an additional 30 credit hours for a minimum of 150 credit hours of college education.

- A minimum of 36 credit hours must be in accounting. (This includes the 24 credit hours you submitted to take the CPA Exam.)
- Thirty credit hours must be in economics and business administration. (This includes the 22 credit hours you submitted to take the exam.)
- At least 60 credit hours must be in general education. Excess accounting courses will be considered.
- These credits may be obtained at any time prior to applying for the CPA credential.

Exam

All parts of the exam are computerized and test your level of accounting knowledge.

- A passing score is 75 percent or better.
- Timing is crucial! Once you pass your first section of the exam, you have 18 months to pass all four sections before you start to lose previously passed sections.
- There are four sections:
 1. Auditing and Attestation (AUD),
 2. Business Environment and Concepts (BEC),
 3. Regulation (REG), and
 4. Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR).



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Experience

Candidates are required to have two years of experience obtained while under the supervision of a CPA who's been in good standing for at least three years.

In order for experience to count it needs to be in **four out of the eight** categories below:

- Assessment and testing of the adequacy of the employer's internal controls
- Tax return preparation
- Tax return research
- Preparation of financial statements
- Analysis of financial statements
- Cost accounting
- Budgeting
- Professional services performed in the course of practicing public accountancy

The Fine Print:

- Experience need not be paid and can be in the form of internships or co-ops. However, all experience must be obtained under the supervision of an individual who has held a CPA certificate for at least three years prior to the candidate beginning his or her experience.
- Experience may be obtained in public accounting, industry, or government.
- Experience must be obtained no earlier than 10 years prior to the initial application for certification.
- You must work a minimum of 20 hours a week for your experience to count. You can claim a maximum of 35 hours per week.

Ethics

Once you've got the degree, gained the experience, passed the exam ... there's just one more step! You just need to pass the AICPA Professional Ethics for CPAs self-study exam with a score of 90 or better.