Matisha Angus
Finance Manager, Adelaide Airport Limited

“Become involved with the relevant professional associations as a student member or align with your career goals. This creates opportunities to learn more about the accounting industry and build networks. These connections will be very important when seeking practical experience.

Acquiring knowledge from work-based learning not only helps you get a foot in the door but allows you to try different elements of the profession and determine where your strengths are best suited when seeking a graduate role.”

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of our graduates going on to full-time work are employed within four months of completing their degree.

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Get Connected Fair
Engage with opportunities available to you throughout your study to gain extra experience.

Employment and Careers Expo
Connect with employers to learn more about graduate intakes, vacation internships and cadetship programs.

Volunteering and Work Experience Fair
Build your resume with experience before you graduate, learn new skills and network with potential employers.

International Careers Evening
Develop a strategy for moving into the workforce in Australia and overseas. An event for international students.

Commerce Student Association
Make new friends and develop your professional networks through social and academic events hosted by the CSA.

Career Development Workshops
Workshop topics include: Job search skills, resume writing and business communication.

Global Experience Information Session
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Much more than just numbers

Unisa’s Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) is your chance to join a highly regarded profession and make a difference. The industry is evolving and through your study you will develop the required skills to pursue a career in the following areas:

- Financial accounting and reporting
- Management accounting
- Tax and auditing
- Forensic accounting
- Restructuring and Receivership
- Litigation support

As an accounting professional you will require a high level of problem solving and negotiating skills. Your ability to work well in a team and communicate effectively with others will contribute to your career success.

Career Tool

Make smarter choices throughout your study by taking action, developing your competitive advantage and ensuring you get connected with employers to give you the best opportunity for graduate employment.

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Smarter choices

Understand how your personality, values, skills and knowledge combined with a tailored study plan will influence your career.

You

There is excellent growth potential for careers in accounting. Professionals are employed in a variety of sectors including public practice, government and health as well as small business and private enterprise. Roles are available across a range of industries including sport, education, retail and entertainment.

- Complete an online assessment to determine which sector your values and skills are most aligned to.

Your study

Take the correct courses in the prescribed order to qualify for further study with the professional accounting bodies. Seek advice from your School on courses relevant to each accrediting body. To combine accounting with additional study in finance, consider transferring to the four year double degree.

- Get sought after experience. Do a practicum, Work Placement Scheme, student exchange or the Global Experience course.

Take action

Identify and close your skill gap, succeed in work experience, record your achievements and develop knowledge for your professional career pathway.

Assess

Record relevant skill sets and achievements that align with the needs of potential employers to demonstrate your suitability for a graduate role.

- Take a skill assessment to identify your areas of development needed to enhance your employability.

Prepare

A range of workshops are available on campus and have been designed to assist you with job search strategy, resume writing, interview skills and appropriate business communication techniques.

- Register for a career development workshop.

Engage

Expand your network and get a head start by engaging with industry contacts through opportunities such as the Business Career Mentor Program. Connect with the professional associations in your industry. These include Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Certified Practising Accountants Australia (CPA) and the Association of Chartered Accountants (ACCA).

- Register to become a student member of a professional association.

Get connected

Engage with industry and prospective employers to enhance your career and professional development.

What you offer

How do you stand out from the crowd? Package your transferrable skills, work history and experience, and professional development to be an employer’s ideal candidate.

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- Find out more about Unisa’s Leadership Program.

Where you’re going

Develop your plan to secure a graduate position.

- Who is employing graduates?
- Where are the jobs?
- When are the intakes?
- Is self-employment an option?

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- Consider taking the Transition to Employment A (BUSS3079) course.

How to get there

Improve your chances of securing a graduate role.

- Put your career plan to work. Manage your job search strategy, get organised and invest time in tailoring your applications.

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- Register for CareerHub - Unisa’s online database of vacancies, internships, work experience opportunities and career-related events and workshops.

- Register for Career Tool - Unisa’s online assessment tool to help you identify your strengths and weaknesses.

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I know I wanted to gain a further qualification with one of the professional associations. I looked into their requirements and aligned my electives to make sure that I would be eligible for a number of options. I volunteered my time with Red Cross and developed industry experience while gaining points to successfully complete the Global Experience course."

"I attended a Perfect Pitch workshop which identified what the Big Four accounting firms are looking for in graduates. As a result, I developed a resume that responded to their criteria. In addition, I sought feedback and was encouraged to get industry experience which has led to me completing an internship in an accounting firm to strengthen my resume."

"I have maintained contact with students that have graduated to help me understand what will make me stand out to employers and what I can expect from my first role. Staying connected with my alumni network provides me with a link to industry and an understanding of workplace culture."