

21 NCAC 08F .0410 EDUCATION REQUIRED OF CANDIDATES FOR CPA CERTIFICATION

(a) G.S. 93-12(5)a. sets forth the education required of candidates applying for CPA certification. The educational hours required include:

- (1) a concentration in accounting, as defined by 21 NCAC 08A .0309; and
- (2) 24 semester hours of coursework that includes one three-semester hour course from at least 8 of the following 10 fields of study:
 - (A) communications;
 - (B) computer technology;
 - (C) economics;
 - (D) ethics;
 - (E) finance;
 - (F) humanities or social science;
 - (G) international environment;
 - (H) law;
 - (I) management; or
 - (J) statistics.

(b) Anyone applying for CPA certification who holds a Master's or more advanced degree in accounting, tax law, economics, finance, business administration, or a law degree from an accredited college or university is in compliance with Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 93-12(5);
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