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## **DeVry Paves Fast Track for Careers in Accounting and CPA Designations**

*DeVry University, its Keller Graduate School of Management and Becker CPA Review enable aspiring accountants to earn a master's degree and prepare for the CPA exam up to two years faster than conventional routes—and tuition savings up to \$10,000*

**OAKBROOK TERRACE, ILL – May 14, 2008** – Accounting positions rank among the top five open positions in the U.S., according to CNNMoney.com. The employment of accountants and auditors is expected to grow by 18 percent between 2006 and 2016 – a rate faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. DeVry University, its Keller Graduate School of Management and Becker CPA Review are helping to meet this demand by providing professionals who aspire for careers in accounting with an integrated, fast track path to achieve their bachelor's and master's degrees and CPA designations in as few as five years.

### **DeVry-Keller-Becker Fast Track Benefits**

Through DeVry University, Keller Graduate School of Management and Becker CPA Review, students looking for careers in accounting can earn the credentials to become one of the most respected and sought-after business professionals in one of today's hottest careers. Whether starting as a high school graduate, transferring from a community college or changing career focus, students pursuing careers in accounting can begin at DeVry University by earning their bachelor's degree in Business with a concentration in Accounting in as few as three years.

Continuing through Keller Graduate School of Management and Becker CPA Review, those students can earn their master's degree in either Business Administration (MBA) or Accounting & Financial Management (MAFM), and prepare to sit for the CPA exam in as few as two years.

In total, the DeVry-Keller-Becker fast track can be achieved in as few as five years; this is up to two years less than some traditional routes to achieve the same goal, saving DeVry University business students upwards of \$10,000 in tuition and fees, depending on state of residence. By choosing the DeVry-Keller-Becker path, students are able to earn these credentials with the convenience of going to class onsite or online, or a combination of both.

"The DeVry-Keller-Becker route put me on a successful career path sooner than I ever thought possible," said Richard Robinson, a special agent in forensic accounting with the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, who recently completed the Fast Track path. "Getting my bachelor's and master's degrees through DeVry University and its Keller Graduate School of Management gave me the hands-on experience needed to put me a notch above the competition for my position. The Becker Review helped me to pass the CPA exam on my first try. I would highly recommend the DeVry-Keller-Becker path to anyone who is serious about getting into a career in accounting."

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## **Keller MBA + CPA**

Those already with bachelor's degrees who are seeking a CPA designation can simultaneously earn their MBA and take courses that feature the Becker CPA Review methodology to help them pass the CPA exam. The Keller MBA courses also may count toward the 150-credit hour licensing requirement.

"Taking graduate coursework that can apply to credits necessary to sit for the CPA exam and earn an MBA makes a lot of sense," said Tom Vucinic, president of Becker CPA Review. "The high salaries earned by professionals with both MBA and CPA designations create a win-win situation for accounting employees and employers alike. Employees benefit from more lucrative careers in accounting and increased job security, and employers benefit from having business and finance-savvy CPAs, providing both with a competitive edge in today's post-SOX environment."

## **The Growing Demand for Accountants**

The Sarbanes-Oxley legislation and increased scrutiny of corporate financial practices continue to fuel unprecedented demand for accounting professionals. Strong growth for careers in accounting and auditing, including evolving branches such as forensic accounting and fraud detection, is expected to continue through 2016. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the best job prospects will be for accountants and auditors who have a college degree or certification, especially a CPA.

This high demand equates to higher starting salaries, job security and flexibility. According to a recent survey by the Institute of Management Accountants, certified accountants earn 24 percent more than those who are not. According to the survey, the average salary for certified public accountants in 2006 was \$98,600 compared to \$79,217 for non-certified accountants.

Information about the DeVry-Keller-Becker Fast Track is available by calling DeVry University at 800-683-5546 or by visiting [www.devry.edu/accounting](http://www.devry.edu/accounting).

## **About DeVry University**

*As one of the largest degree-granting higher education systems in North America, DeVry University provides high-quality, career-oriented associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs in technology, healthcare technology, business and management. More than 57,000 students are enrolled at its more than 90 locations in 26 states and Canada, as well as through DeVry University Online. DeVry University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (NCA), [www.ncahlc.org](http://www.ncahlc.org). DeVry University, a division of DeVry Inc. (NYSE: DV), is based in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. For more information about DeVry University, visit <http://www.devry.edu>.*

## **About Keller Graduate School of Management**

*For more than 30 years, DeVry University's Keller School of Management has delivered relevant, practical graduate education to thousands of students nationwide, helping them transform their skills and succeed in their careers. As one of the largest graduate management schools in the U.S., Keller offers seven master's degree programs in management, as well as a variety of graduate certificate programs. Keller implements a career-oriented approach with a curriculum that is highly responsive to industry trends and taught by working professionals. Convenience and flexibility are emphasized with classes offered across a nationwide network of convenient locations, online or a combination of both.*

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**About Becker Professional Review**

*Becker Professional Review is a global leader in professional education serving the accounting and finance professions. Its Becker CPA Review and Stall Review for the CFA<sup>®</sup> Exams are the largest and longest-running review programs worldwide. Becker Professional Review serves more than 47,000 students annually with courses offered onsite, online and on CD. Throughout its 50+-year history, Becker has earned a strong track record of student success through superior teaching, curriculum and learning tools that enable its students to develop the knowledge and performance skills necessary to pass their exams. For more information about Becker CPA Review, visit [www.beckercpa.com](http://www.beckercpa.com). For more information about Stalla's CFA review courses, visit [www.stalla.com](http://www.stalla.com). Becker Professional Review is a division of DeVry, Inc. (NYSE:DV).*

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