

## ADMISSION ESSAY

Pursuing a Master in Accounting degree has always been my passion for the last 5 years. Having majored in Hotel and Restaurant Management (HRM) as an undergraduate, I have studied numerous subjects related to the hospitality industry. Accounting and financial analysis courses initially sparked my interests in accounting. It was genuinely fascinating to learn the significance of accounting to business and management decision making, and I became intensely interested in accounting during my senior year. During my last semester, I had an opportunity to work as a financial manager for the event of HRM program which hosted 200 guests. This experience allowed me to gain insight into my profession, and my aspiration to learn accounting in great depth has become clear to me. Thus, I planned to continue my education towards obtaining the Master in Accounting degree after graduation to become a CPA working for the hospitality industry.

Around the time of my graduation, my family's retail business was experiencing financial and operational difficulties after opening another location. After long consideration, I decided to join the family business to get through hard times as a family before I go to graduate school. I believed that experience in business management would give me a better perspective on graduate school and my career path.

Managing a small business has provided me with a sound understanding of the importance of accounting in business. It also has been a valuable experience for me to apply my academic knowledge in accounting to real-world business environments, and to gain practical skills necessary for an advanced education. In an effort to increase profits, I prepared and analyzed financial statements to see the clear picture of the business's financial status. It allowed me to determine the financial problems and to come up with resolutions. I also conducted inventory analysis and trend analysis on a regular basis which resulted in an increased profit. The business has been growing slowly, yet steadily for the last 5 years, and my family recently signed a 10-year lease extension. Now, I want to pursue the Master in Accounting degree which has always been my passion for the last 5 years.

I strongly believe that Master in Accounting program at XXX University will help me complement my knowledge and skills in accounting to reach my short-term career objective of becoming a CPA. I am confident that my strong leadership, analytical, organizational, communication, and customer service skills I gained through my education and professional experience prepared me for pursuing advanced education at XXX University.

I ultimately intend to own my own accounting firm specialized in small and medium sized businesses, as I believe that I can make a positive contribution to their success. A rigorous curriculum in an outstanding educational environment at XXX University will lay the groundwork for accomplishing my long-term career objective. I am confident that my good understanding in both business management and accounting will build a competitive edge in my career. I firmly believe that Master in Accounting program will offer me a meaningful opportunity to move forward both in terms of academic and professional career.