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## Course Information

**Course Title:** *Current Developments in Accounting and Financial Reporting* # 3323

**Recommended number of continuing education credit hours recommended for this course:**

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**CPA: 16** (All states)

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### Course Description

The purpose of this course is to inform the reader of the various changes to accounting and financial reporting affecting the accounting professional. Topics include a review of proposed FASB projects including those related to financial performance, leases, and financial instruments, practice issues involving the statement of cash flows, fair value reporting, pensions, the international convergence project, little GAAP, and more. The structure of the course is to encourage the reader to recall existing GAAP rules coupled with identifying, stating and outlining rules related to new and proposed pronouncements.

**Program Delivery Method:** QAS Self-Study (interactive)

**Subject Codes/Field of Study:** Accounting

### Course Level, Prerequisites, and Advance Preparation Requirements

Level of knowledge: Overview

Prerequisite: General understanding of U.S. GAAP

Advance Preparation: None

### Course Content

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Final Exam (online): Eighty multiple-choice questions

## **Instructions for taking this course**

In order to receive CPE credit for this course, you must complete the course within one year of the date of purchase. This includes achieving a passing grade of at least 70% on the final exam. You may retake the exam if you do not pass on the first attempt (no charge).

Complete the course by following the learning assignments and objectives listed on the following page and studying the review questions at the end of each major section and chapter. Once you have completed each learning assignment and you are confident that the learning objectives have been met, answer the final exam questions (online).

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# Learning Assignments and Objectives

As a result of studying each assignment, you should be able to meet the objectives listed below each individual assignment.

After reading the Section I course material, you will be able to:

- Identify some of the 12 recommended principles for the Comprehensive Business Reporting Model
- Recall the definition of free cash flow
- Recognize some of the key ratios used to analyze working capital
- Identify some of the symptoms of inefficiently managed working capital
- Identify some of the key differences in the claw-back provisions found in Sarbanes-Oxley and Dodd-Frank
- Recognize some of the key issues and changes facing company pension plans and their unfunded status
- Identify some of the key benefits and disadvantages of the principles-based system
- Identify some of the changes proposed to lease accounting including the impact on financial statements and key ratios
- Recognize the general structure of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC)
- Recognize some of the differences between IFRS for SMEs and IFRS
- Identify some of the GAAP rules for measuring and recording a deferred tax asset and related valuation account
- Identify some unusual transactions and how they are recorded on the statement of cash flows

After reading the Section II, you will be able to:

- Identify how to account for intangible assets under ASU 2014-18's accounting alternative
- Recall when an acquiree is permitted to use pushdown accounting under ASU 2014-17
- Identify the rules for accounting for goodwill for a nonpublic (private company)
- Recall one of the statements used to present the liquidation basis of accounting

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