

# Opening the door to accountancy

## Get a leg up with SMU's Master of Professional Accounting

For Ms Wu Yingjia, Singapore Management University's (SMU) Master of Professional Accounting (MPA) opened doors to a dream career she didn't think was possible.

The Statistics graduate from the National University of Singapore had developed an interest in the advisory and consulting industry towards the end of 2015, when she was about to complete her degree.

Despite her internship at a commercial bank, she knew that getting a job in her preferred sector would be tough.

"Being a science student with limited business acumen and knowledge of the industry, it was not easy to convince any potential employers to open their doors for me," she recounted.

After doing some research and attending SMU's MPA information session, Ms Wu knew she had found the right programme — one that would impart the knowledge she needed.

### RECOGNISED QUALITY

The MPA offers a path to an accounting-sector career and can be completed as a full-time one-year programme, or part-time over two years. It is recognised by top accounting bodies and organisations in Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

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SMU MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING GRADUATE



Graduates like Ms Wu enjoy an accelerated path to membership of these professional organisations. Their learning can help them achieve qualifications like the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) status both locally and internationally, giving graduates better opportunities abroad.

As part of the MPA's inaugural batch in August 2015, Ms Wu enjoyed a programme that offered "solid academic knowledge and professional skill-sets". Her teachers were experienced practitioners and professors

who used business examples and case studies to offer up-to-date knowledge.

Since her graduation, the MPA curriculum has been revised to give graduates greater knowledge of business fundamentals and technical skills for accounting functions and services.

### A COMPLETE EDUCATION

Despite the MPA's short duration, she feels her education prepared her thoroughly for her career.

"After completing a busy year in the MPA programme, I saw my efforts come to fruition, as I got a job offer and recently started working in the forensic accounting advisory services of a global business advisory firm."

She credits her successful post-graduation job hunt to SMU's career services aimed at connecting students to multinational employers.

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