

Getting There

Junior College & Community College Programs	Alms Community College	Arapahoe Community College	Colorado Northwestern Community College	Community College of Aurora	Community College of Denver	Emily Griffith Technical College	Front Range Community College	Lamar Community College	Morgan Community College	Northeastern Junior College	Otero Junior College	Pikes Peak Community College	Pueblo Community College	Red Rocks Community College	Trinidad State Junior College
Accounting	A, C	A	A, C	A, C	A, C	C	A, C	C	A	A, C	A, C	A, C	A	A, C	
Business Administration		A, C	A	A	A		A, C	A, C	A	A	A	A, C		A, C	A
Economics				A	A		A			A				A	
Management	A, C		A	A, C	A		A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	C	A, C	A, C		A, C
Marketing	A			A, C	A		A, C	A	C	A		A, C			
Administrative Assistant					A, C							C		A, C	
Banking & Financial Services			A, C												
Financial Services		A, C													
Human Resources					C										
Individual Tax Preparation					C										
IRS Enrolled Agent Tax Preparation					C										
Planning & Financial Records									C						
Financial Analysis									C						
Commodity Marketing									C						
Marketing & Risk Management									C						
Leadership/Human Resources									C						
Office Support Specialist									C						
Office Applications Specialist											A, C				
Customer Service												A			
Executive Assistant												A			
Office Administration						C							A, C		
Office Technologies															A, C

C = Certificate, A = Associate's Degree

Public University Programs	Adams State College	Colorado School of Mines	Colorado State University	Colorado State University - Pueblo	Fort Lewis College	Mesa State College	Metropolitan State College of Denver	University of Colorado at Boulder	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	University of Colorado Denver	University of Northern Colorado	Western State College	Colorado Mountain College
Accounting			B, G	B, G	B	B	B, G, C	B, G	B, C	B, G		B	A
Business Administration	B, G, A		B, G, C	G	B	B, G, A, C	C	G	B, G, C	B, G	B	B	A
Economics		B, G	B, G	B, G	B	B	B, G	B	B, G	B, G	B	B	
Finance			B			B	B, C	B	B, C	B, G			
Management			B, G, C	B, G	B		B	B	B, C	B, G			
Marketing			B		B	B	B	B	B, C	B, G			A

C = Certificate, A = Associate's Degree, B = Bachelor's Degree, G = Graduate Degree



FINANCE

Finance occupations incorporate many different skills. Jobs in finance combine interests in mathematics and science with social communication and human interaction. If you have a knack for math and science and enjoy working with people, a job in finance may be the correct path for you!

A Day In the Life of...

Kim Hoggatt
Accounting Intern
Colorado Springs Sky Sox Baseball Team
Colorado Springs, CO

Every day at work feels like solving a puzzle, according to Kim, an accounting intern for the Colorado Springs minor league baseball team, the Sky Sox. Kim begins her days by writing up game-day journal entries followed by accounting activities as she enters invoices for Sky Sox fans and completes bank reconciliations for the month's end. Her favorite part of the job is problem-solving. She likes to ask herself, "Why am I pennies off on this journal entry, or what piece of information am I missing from this entry?"

Prior to joining, the Sky Sox Kim found herself in a job that she did not enjoy. She decided to go back to school to further her education. "I thought, this job is not what I want," explains Kim. "I want to be able to make a difference."

Kim chose to pursue accounting because it stimulated her mind more than anything else she had ever done. "Accounting was the only thing that made sense to me," she says.

By returning to school, Kim successfully completed an Associate's Degree, which she followed with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Now, she is on her way to earning her Master's Degree. "I want to be able to feel good about my job," she states.

Kim credits her high school math and accounting classes as the most helpful to her on the path to her career. She also uses the skills she learned in communications and English coursework – more than she thought she would.

Start Exploring Finance Careers

Step 1: Identify your interests

Compare your interests, skills and work values with finance occupations using Labor Market Information's Career Explorer:

Visit www.colmigateway.com

- Click on "Services for Individuals"
- Choose "Career Explorer" under "Career Services"

From here, you can "Match Your Skills" and return to this page to "Match Your Work Interests and Work Values".

Step 2: Explore the finance industry & careers

Learn about high-growth, in-demand careers and what they pay on the LMI Gateway website:

www.colmigateway.com

For more information on a career in finance, check out <http://www.afajof.org/>

Step 3: Find education, training & financial aid

Discover the best education or training institutions for your career goals and how to get money for school at <http://www.collegeincolorado.org>

Step 4: Find available job openings

www.connectingcolorado.com

A Day in the Life of...

Kyle Henderson
Banking Officer
FirstBank of Denver
Denver, CO

Kyle loves the diversity that his job as a banking officer at FirstBank provides him. His daily activities range from financial analysis, to reviews of internal reports, to direct customer service. On a typical work day, he generally arrives at the office at 7:00am and leaves at 6:30pm.

Although Kyle needed to get a Bachelor's Degree in either Finance or Business Administration to be qualified for his position, he discovered his career path while still in high school. Kyle felt that the classes he took provided insight into the variety of business opportunities available and helped him set his career goals.



Who do you want to be tomorrow?

Occupation	Wage Range (Employment)	Minimum Education/Training	Suggested Programs of Study
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, & Investigators <i>Determine the extent of insurance company's liability for loss or damages, & affect settlements with claimants</i>	\$31,198 - \$51,944 (4,540)	Long-term on-the-job training	Certificate, High School Diploma
Financial Analysts <i>Conduct quantitative analyses of information affecting investment programs of public or private institutions</i>	\$61,518 - \$103,620 (3,950)	Bachelor's Degree	Accounting, Economics, Finance, IRS Enrolled Agent Tax Prep, Management
Personal Financial Advisors <i>Advise clients on financial plans utilizing knowledge of tax & investment strategies</i>	\$46,892 - \$117,149 (2,630)	Bachelor's Degree	Accounting, Business Administration, Economics, Finance, Individual Tax Preparation
Loan Officers <i>Evaluate, authorize, or recommend approval of commercial, real estate, or credit loans</i>	\$48,051 - \$96,511 (5,580)	Bachelor's Degree	Accounting, Economics, Finance, Financial Services, Planning & Financial Records
Securities, Commodities, & Financial Services Sales Agents <i>Buy & sell securities in investment & trading firms; develop & implement financial plans</i>	\$34,740 - \$96,424 (8,990)	Bachelor's Degree	Business Administration, Finance, Financial Services, Planning & Financial Records
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other <i>Sell good & services to businesses or groups of individuals</i>	\$34,233 - \$77,498 (17,690)	Bachelor's Degree	Business Administration, Commodity Marketing, Management, Marketing
Bill & Account Collectors <i>Locate & notify customers of delinquent accounts by mail, telephone, or personal visit to solicit payment</i>	\$27,281 - \$39,857 (5,110)	Short-term on-the-job training	High School Diploma
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks <i>Compute, classify, & record numerical data to keep financial records</i>	\$27,823 - \$44,843 (30,360)	Associate's Degree	Accounting
Tellers <i>Receive, pay out money & keep records of money & negotiable instruments</i>	\$22,822 - \$31,125 (8,250)	Short-term on-the-job training	High School Diploma
Customer Service Representative <i>Interact with customers, provide information to inquiries & handle complaints</i>	\$24,963 - \$38,873 (45,750)	Moderate-term on-the-job training, Certificate, Associates Degree	Certificate, High School Diploma
Loan Interviews & Clerks <i>Interview loan applicants to elicit information</i>	\$33,235 - \$48,667 (3,290)	Short-term on-the-job training	High School Diploma
New Account Clerks <i>Interview persons desiring to open bank accounts</i>	\$30,845 - \$39,483 (1,100)	Short-term on-the-job training	High School Diploma, Certificate
Insurance Sales Agents <i>Sell life, property, casualty, health, automotive or other types of insurance products.</i>	\$33,265 - \$61,067 (8,360)	Bachelor's Degree	Business Administration, Commodity Marketing, Financial Services, Management, Marketing, Marketing & Risk Management
Insurance Claims & Policy Processing Clerks <i>Obtain information from insured or designated persons for purpose of settling claims with insurance carrier</i>	\$35,436 - \$49,752 (2,010)	Moderate-term on-the-job training, Certificate	Certificate, High School Diploma
Office Clerks, General <i>Perform office procedural duties</i>	\$23,945 - \$40,851 (28,380)	Short-term on-the-job training	High School Diploma



Apprenticeship

Examples of apprenticeships offered for finance occupations include:

- Teller

Did you know?

Finance occupations offer a variety of work environments. All types of businesses need employees who specialize in fields of finance.

What is your passion? If you are good at using financial skills, you can work in almost any industry, helping businesses to grow and succeed.