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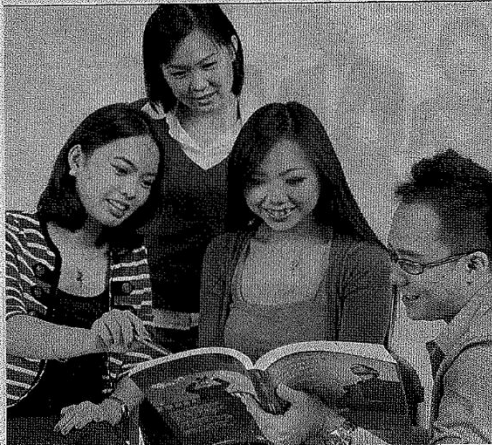
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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



MICPA's revolutionary Conversion Programme opens doors for graduates with non-accounting background to become accountants.

Accountancy open to all via MICPA

HAVE you always had a lifelong ambition of becoming a professional accountant, but could not pursue a degree in accounting because of some unforeseen circumstances?

Are you now an engineering, or psychology, or business graduate?

Not to worry! You can still achieve the dream of becoming a professional accountant with The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) revolutionary Conversion Programme.

MICPA is currently conducting a pilot run of the MICPA Conversion Programme at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM).

It commenced July last year and students are now half-way in their studies. Upon completion of the Conversion Programme, students can move on to the MICPA-CAANZ Programme — the institute's highly-regarded professional accounting programme that is jointly run with the prestigious Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ).

This joint programme provides a pathway for graduates to become members of MICPA and CAANZ, allowing them to use the title of Certified Public Accountant, Malaysia, and Chartered Accountant, ANZ.

Ultimately, you will wear the hats of two professions — one as an accountant, and the other in your original field of study.

Wilson Wong, a Bachelor of Management in Operations Management student at USM is among the pioneers of the Conversion Programme.

When asked why he decided to pursue accounting, he said: "I have enjoyed accounting since secondary school. But unfortunately, I could not get a place in the accounting programme when I applied to USM. When I heard about the MICPA Conversion Programme, I immediately registered for it and I've been able to cope with the modules."

Tan Chin Chin, a Bachelor of Management student majoring in Finance at USM, also has a lifelong dream of becoming an accountant.

The Programme provides non-accounting graduates like me with the opportunity to become an accountant. Seeing as how the programme doesn't consume too much additional time, I am able to cope with the modules. An added benefit is that the fees are reasonable and affordable.

The MICPA Conversion Programme is open to degree holders in any discipline from any university. Comprising eight modules, it can be completed in one year.

Classes are held at USM's School of Management (SoM) on weekends, allowing students to study part-time. The Institute has plans to run the programme at other higher-learning institutions in the Klang Valley this year.

Upon completion of the MICPA Conversion Programme, candidates can move on to pursue the MICPA-CAANZ Programme, which comprises five modules, while concurrently fulfilling three years of work experience with an Approved Training Employer.

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Programme a collaboration with USM

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Wong and Tan said with proper time management and the desire to succeed, they hope to complete the MICPA Conversion Programme and move on to the MICPA-CAANZ Programme.

"I chose accounting as my profession because I enjoy solving problems and I believe that working in an accounting firm will provide me with the opportunities to use my analytical skills," said Tan. My motivation is to be an accountant in one of

the Big 4 firms. I believe that once I complete the MICPA-CAANZ Programme and together with my Bachelor of Management, I will be more competitive in the job market," said Wong.

The conversion programme is part of the Memorandum of Agreement that MICPA recently signed with USM.

For details on the MICPA Conversion and MICPA-CAANZ Programmes, call 03-2698 9622, email victor.edu@micpa.com.my or micpa@micpa.com.my or visit: www.micpa.com.my

YOU CAN BE AN ACCOUNTANT TOO!

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How? Well, the first step would be to sign-up for this Programme. MICPA is currently conducting a pilot run of the MICPA Conversion Programme at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). It commenced in July 2014 and candidates are now half-way through the Programme.

Upon completion of the Conversion Programme candidates can move on to the MICPA-CAANZ Programme - MICPA's highly-regarded professional accounting programme which is jointly run with the prestigious Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ). This joint Programme provides a pathway for graduates to become members of both MICPA and CAANZ, allowing them to use the titles *Certified Public Accountant, Malaysia and Chartered Accountant, ANZ*. Ultimately, you will wear the hats of 2 professions – one as an accountant, and the other in your original field of study.

Wilson Wong, a student at USM currently pursuing his Bachelor of Management in Operations Management is amongst the pioneer candidates of the Conversion Programme. When asked why he decided to pursue accounting, he said: "I have enjoyed studying accounting since secondary school and really wanted to become an accountant but unfortunately I could not get a placement in the accounting degree programme when I applied to USM. When I heard about the Conversion Programme, I immediately registered for it and so far I've been able to cope with the modules."

Tan Chin Chin, a Bachelor of Management student majoring in Finance at USM also has a lifelong dream of becoming an accountant. She had this to share about the Programme: "The Programme provides non-accounting graduates like me with the opportunity to become an accountant. Seeing as how the Programme doesn't consume too much additional time, I am able to cope with the modules. An added benefit is that the fees are reasonable and affordable."

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Upon completion of the Conversion Programme, candidates can move on to pursue the MICPA-CAANZ Programme which comprises 5 modules, while concurrently fulfilling 3 years of work experience with an Approved Training Employers (ATE).

Both Wilson and Chin Chin opined that with proper time management, motivation and the desire to succeed, they hope to complete the Conversion Programme very soon and move on to the MICPA-CAANZ Programme.

"I chose accounting as my profession because I enjoy solving problems and I believe that working in an accounting firm will provide me with the opportunity to use my analytical skills in resolving issues for clients during an audit," enthused Chin Chin.

"My motivation is my final goal – to be an accountant in one of the Big 4 firms. Whenever I start to feel any pressure, I remind myself of my goal, which is to be different. I believe that once I complete the MICPA-CAANZ Programme coupled with my Bachelor of Management, I will be more competitive in the job market," shared Wilson.

The Conversion Programme forms part of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) that MICPA recently signed with USM. The MoA aims to create more accounting-related educational programmes whilst promoting institutional exchanges through intellectual discourse and knowledge sessions. The Institute hopes to sign comparable MoUs or MoAs with other accredited universities soon.

For more details on the MICPA Conversion Programme and the MICPA-CAANZ Programme:

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