

## **Master of Science in Accounting - Implemented Continuous Improvement**

**Implemented Improvement:** Provide quality programs of high demand in the region.

**Outcome:** Student Success.

**Action:** The university' accreditation authorized the offering of all programs offered at parent university at the time we received our independent accreditation; this included the M.S.in Accounting. To offer a valuable and rigorous program in demand by our region, faculty needed to create courses.

**Evaluation:** In Spring 2013, faculty designed courses and submitted a curriculum request to offer the degree in Fall 2013. The request was approved. The M.S. in Accounting is essential to accounting students seeking to sit for the CPA exam in Texas, which requires 150 hours of higher education credit. The region needed an affordable accounting program capable of preparing citizens for sitting for the CPA exam to meet this demand.

**Data:** Economists project the Central Texas job market will grow 27,000 jobs between 2014 and 2024, and 100 of those new jobs will be for accountants.

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