

## INFORMATION ON PASS/FAIL CREDITS FOR KANSAS CPA EXAM REQUIREMENTS

The Kansas Board has been receiving inquiries regarding any limitation on pass/fail credits in response to colleges and universities offering their courses online due to the COVID19 virus.

Within the 150-semester hour requirement, there are specific course requirements found within the "Concentration of Accounting", as defined in Rules and Regulations, which limit the number of "alternative" credits (to include pass/fail) to 6 semester hours, for any of the courses or electives included in the 83-semester hour "Concentration of Accounting", as outlined below:

**K.A.R. 74-2-7.** Concentration in accounting. (a) The "concentration in accounting" courses required to qualify for admission to the certified public accountant examination shall be as follows:

(1) At least 42 semester credit hours in business and general education courses, including the following:

- (A) A macroeconomics course, a microeconomics course, and one upper-division economics course;
- (B) at least two courses in the legal aspects of business or business law;
- (C) college algebra or higher-level math course;
- (D) statistics and probability theory course;
- (E) computer systems and applications course;
- (F) finance course;
- (G) management and administration course;
- (H) marketing course; and
- (I) production, operations research, or applications of quantitative techniques to business problems course;

(2) at least 11 semester credit hours in courses in written and oral communications; and

(3) at least 30 semester credit hours in courses in accounting theory and practice, including the following:

- (A) Financial accounting and reporting for business organizations course, which may include any of the following:
  - (i) Intermediate accounting course; (ii) advanced accounting course; or (iii) accounting theory course;
- (B) managerial accounting beyond an introductory course;
- (C) auditing course concentrating on auditing standards generally accepted in the United States as issued by the AICPA auditing standards board or the PCAOB, or both;
- (D) U.S. income tax course; and
- (E) accounting systems beyond an introductory computer course.

(b) The following types of credits awarded by a college or university approved by the board shall be accepted by the board for purposes of determining compliance with subsection (a), if the credits are related to those areas specified in subsection (a):

- (1) Credit for advanced placement;
- (2) credit by examination;
- (3) credit for military education;
- (4) credit for competency gained through experience; and
- (5) courses taken for pass-fail credit.

**Credits recognized by the board pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed a total of six semester hours.**

(c) Credit shall not be allowed for any course that is only audited.

(d) Credit shall not be allowed for any course for which credit has already been received.

(e) Any credits earned for an accounting internship may count toward the overall 150-hour education requirement, but these credits shall not be acceptable in satisfaction of the required concentration in accounting courses.

(f) Credits earned for CPA exam review courses shall not be acceptable in satisfaction of the required concentration in accounting courses. However, these credits may be used toward the overall 150-hour education requirement.

(g) Not to exceed a total of six hours, up to three hours of course requirements specified in paragraph (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) may be waived by the board, upon the applicant's demonstration of compelling circumstances and upon receipt of satisfactory verification that the applicant has otherwise met the requirements. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1-202 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 1-302a; implementing K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 1-302a; effective Jan. 1, 1973; amended Feb. 15, 1977; amended May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1979; amended July 22, 1991; amended Sept. 25, 1998; amended Jan. 11, 2008; amended May 25, 2012; amended March 21, 2014; amended Feb. 19, 2016; amended Jan. 26, 2018.)

