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# STUDENT STRETCH ASSIGNMENTS

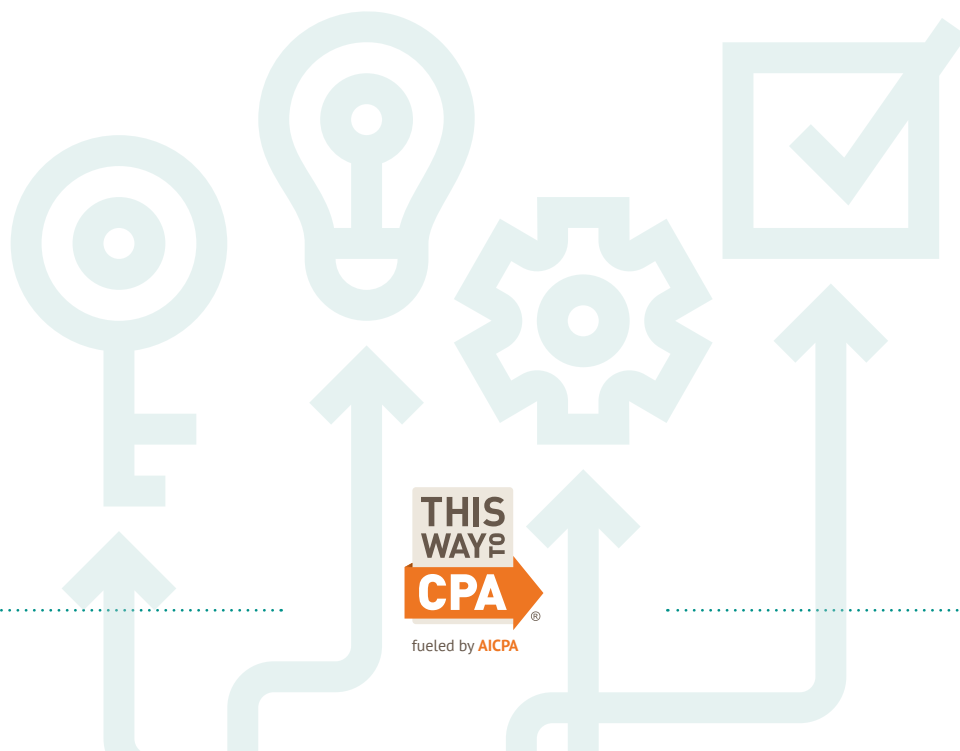


Find your place - and path - in the accounting profession with these stretch assignments designed to connect the dots on the journey to CPA.

## FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: JOIN THE AICPA

To receive credit for the activities below, you must first join the AICPA for free as a Student Affiliate member at [ThisWaytoCPA.com/join](https://www.thiswaytopcpa.com/join) and include evidence of your membership with your assignment submission.

Becoming a member of your industry's professional association keeps you current on important changes in the profession and comes with exclusive benefits. Membership in the AICPA, the world's largest member association representing the accounting profession, gets you access to key resources on your journey to CPA including scholarships, webinars, discounts and more. Plus, it may even help you stand out to employers when you add your affiliation to your resumé.



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## Assignment Value



### CONFIRM AICPA STUDENT AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

As evidence of your AICPA membership, when submitting an assignment to your professor, include a screenshot of:

- Your AICPA membership confirmation email
- OR-
- Your AICPA Member ID under [ThisWaytoCPA.com](https://www.thiswaytopcpa.com) > My Account > About You.



### ATTEND AN AICPA WEBINAR

The AICPA hosts exclusive webinars for students designed to help you navigate the journey to CPA, develop soft skills and identify accounting career opportunities that fit your skills and interests.

#### Activity Requirements:

- Watch a live or archived AICPA student webinar on [ThisWaytoCPA.com/webinars](https://www.thiswaytopcpa.com/webinars).
- Write a 150-200 word summary of the webinar content and key points, including a paragraph explaining what you learned or gained from attendance.



### GET CONNECTED: CPAS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is great for staying connected with friends and loved ones, but it's also a great place to learn in bite-sized chunks. That's why some creative and entrepreneurial accountants lean on social media to educate the public about the profession, expand their careers and mentor aspiring CPAs. The tasks below allow you to effortlessly incorporate accounting content into your daily scrolling.

#### Activity Requirements:

- Follow @ThisWaytoCPA on Instagram.
- Join ThisWaytoCPA's members-only group on LinkedIn.
- Follow two CPAs on the social media platform of your choice.
- Share four tips or insights from any of these accounts.
- Write a 150-200 word summary on what you've learned and your opinions or questions about the content.

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## CLOSE THE GAP: MEETING THE 150-HOUR EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

It takes 120 credit hours to earn an undergraduate degree, but all states require 150 credit hours to qualify for your CPA. Fortunately, there are multiple avenues for earning the additional 30 credit hours required.

### Activity Requirements:

- Describe four possible options for earning the additional 30 credit hours.
- Write a 150-word summary answering the following:
  - What are some potential benefits and drawbacks of each?
  - Which option would you pursue and why?



## GET LICENSED: MEET YOUR STATE'S REQUIREMENTS

Each state has its own [requirements for licensure](#), so it's important to build your game plan based on the state you plan to practice in.

### Activity Requirements:

Respond to the following questions for the state you plan to seek licensure:

**Licensure state:** \_\_\_\_\_

- How old do you need to be to get licensed?
- Does this state require citizenship?
- Does this state require residency?
- How many college credit hours does your state require in order to get licensed?
- What are the state's education requirements in order to sit for the CPA Exam?
- What are your state's work experience requirements?
- Does your state require an ethics exam? If so, which is/are acceptable?
- Has your state recently changed any licensure requirements?



## GET ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR STATE CPA SOCIETY

Your state CPA society is your local guide when it comes to navigating the professional accounting landscape in your jurisdiction. From volunteer events to job boards, they offer tons of benefits to help you grow and thrive.

### Activity Requirements:

- Join your local state society and share a screenshot confirming your membership.
- Respond to the following questions:
  - What are three benefits your state society offers?
  - Which benefit do you find most valuable and why?
  - What is one way you could become involved with your state society as a student?