**Did You Know These Facts?**  
**Associate Degree vs. High School Diploma**

**HIGHER SALARIES**  
**Earn More During Your Career**  
Studies have proven that individuals who continue their education after high school are likely to make more money than people who have just a high school diploma.

Associate degree recipients earn, on average, 22% more than high-school graduates.

**SKILLS FOR TODAY’S JOBS**  
**Have More Options**  
Today, more jobs require specialized training or a two- or four-year college degree. More education means more choices, and that means more opportunities for you.

**Fast Fact:** Of the 20 fastest-growing occupations, more than half require an associate’s degree or higher.

**JOB SECURITY**  
**Keep Working**  
Your high school diploma is useful. But a college degree increases your chance of employment by nearly 50%. A two-year degree, or even some college, can have a positive impact on your ability to find and keep a job, too.

**Fast Fact:** The higher your education level, the higher your chances of finding and keeping a job.

**MORE BENEFITS**  
**Get the Important Extras**  
There’s more to a job than a paycheck. Jobs for college graduates typically offer more and better benefits than jobs requiring just a high school diploma. These can include health insurance and retirement plans you may not get at lower-skill jobs.

Source: www.college.gov

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**Steps for Applying**

1. Complete an application for admission.
2. Request your official transcript from your high school.
3. Take our placement test.
4. Wanda Fisher  
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Accounting

The Accounting curriculum is designed to provide students with the knowledge and the skills necessary for employment and growth in the accounting profession. Using the “language of business,” accountants assemble and analyze, process, and communicate essential information about financial operations.

“The accounting program at Coastal gave me a strong foundation and the skills I need to be successful in the accounting field. With the classes I took, and the unconditional support from the instructors, I was ready and confident when I was offered a full-time bookkeeping position at a local accounting firm.”

—Roseanne Newsome
Accounting Graduate
Class of 2011

Financial Aid

The following scholarships are available for Accounting students.

Business Technology and Legal Services Division Scholarship

Coastal Carolina Community College Association of Office Professionals Scholarship

Coastal Carolina Community College Foundation Scholarships

Senator A.D. Guy Memorial Scholarship

Please visit the College Foundation Office in the Henderson Administration Building for specific information about these and other scholarships.

Entry Level Positions

Entry level positions with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Accounting include payroll clerk, bookkeeper, income tax preparer, accounts payable clerk, and accounts receivable clerk.

The average salary level in Onslow County is $26,292 – $43,413.