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To whom it may concern:

Accounting is a very broad and diverse profession with many different types of practitioners, employment opportunities, career paths, certifications, specialties, and subspecialties. Within this broad and diverse profession, some individuals practice as CPAs. In order to comply with state requirements, this memo provides important information relating to practicing as a CPA.

Florida Atlantic University's Master of Accounting and Master of Taxation online programs help fulfill the educational requirements to sit for the CPA examination and obtain a license to practice public accounting in the state of Florida and any of the states that have adopted the AICPA's 150 credit-hour requirement. Passing the CPA examination is the minimum requirement in all states in order to become a licensed Certified Public Accountant. Additional requirements not related to your education, such as background checks and work experience, may apply.

Students from New York may have to undergo a more rigorous review of their educational record because Florida Atlantic University's School of Accounting, while a part of a College of Business that is accredited by the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), has not undergone separate School of Accounting AACSB accreditation. In the past, some of our New York students have had a course-by-course evaluation of their relevant coursework performed, which has allowed them to meet New York requirements.

Florida Atlantic University strongly recommends that students inquire with the New York Board of Public Accountancy to ascertain all of the requirements for licensure, not just those relating to the Certified Public Accountant examination. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, post-graduation examinations or experience, background checks, fingerprinting requirements, etc. For more information, please contact the New York Board of Public Accountancy through their website <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/cpa/>.

Please note that licensure requirements are always subject to change. We strongly recommend that you inquire with your State Board of Accountancy to confirm that you understand and will meet the requirements for licensure before enrolling in the program. Additionally, prospective students should note that licensing requirements vary by state and that relocating during the course of a program could affect whether the student will meet eligibility requirements for licensure. Students should inquire with the licensing board of the state where he or she desires licensure before relocating to ensure that he or she will be eligible for licensure or reciprocity. For information regarding specific state requirements, please see <https://nasba.org/stateboards/>.