SDSU Student Accounting Society

## Meeting Minutes: UWorld Roger CPA <br> 2024 CPA Evolution Game Plan

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## Presentation:

## About UWorld Roger CPA

- Was previously Roger CPA Review
- Acquired by UWorld, one of the top providers for testing prep
- Helped over 2M Students
- $94 \%$ pass rate from our students


## Why it's an Exciting Time for CPAs

- Long-term job security, coupled with great flexibility
- Seen as a trusted advisor and business consultant from day one
- At the forefront of the latest tech advances in the business world
- Enjoy a better work-life balance
- Great salary
- Give you more security, leverage to jump industries


## CPA in public accounting

- Required to get promoted past senior
- Most firms provide a $\$ 10,000$ salary raise with the CPA past
- Licensed CPAs, on average, make about $\$ 1 \mathrm{M}$ dollars more over the course of their career than non-liscenced individuals


## How to get to a CPA Licensure

- Bachelor's degree in any subject from an accredited university
- To sit:
- 24 semester/36 quarter
- 10 units in ethics
- Additional units in subjects like business, related subjects


## Apply for the CPA Exam

- Apply as soon as your transcripts are out
- Send to state board
- Apply online with CPA
- ATT: Authorization to Test
- Get 90 days to figure out in what order you will take the exams
- NTS: Notice to Schedule, good for 9 months
- Not recommended to pay for all at once, pay for 2 at a tiem


## Prometric Center Rules and Regulations

- Bring valid gov issued ID and the NTS
- Articles of clothing are prohibited to be removed during testing
- Written notes/electronic devices are prohibited
- Soft ear plugs allowed
- Sign out for scheduled/unscheduled breaks


## 18 Month Rolling Window

- The 18 month clock begins ticking on the day you SIT to take the first exam.
- Start off with the most time consuming exam. Typically, FAR takes the longest amount of time to prepare for.
- You have to pass all 4 in the 18 months, so plan to complete all 4 in a shorter time in case you fail an exam



## The Exam

- Each exam is 4 hours long
- You do not study for all 4 parts of it at one time
- You can sit for the exams in any order


## 2024 Evolution Timeline:

- January 1 2024: Launching something called CPA Exam evolution
- Usually they'll change content or structure individually, but in 2024 they will be changing both
- Practice Analysis; survey of firms, professionals, to see what needs to be improved.
- Data and analytics are going to be transitioning to 3 core exams (FAR, REG, AUD), and then BEC will turn into one choice out of 3

What kind of candidate might sit for each discipline?

ISC


Targeted to candidates interested in various roles in assurance or advisory services related to a client's:

- Business processes
- Information systems
- Information security and governance
- IT audit

BAR


Targeted to candidates interested in:

- Assurance or advisory services
- Financial statement analysis and reporting
- Technical accounting

TCP


Targeted to candidates interested in various roles concentrated in:

- Individual tax compliance and planning
- Personal financial planning
- Entity tax compliance and planning
- If you are graduating now or later, try to finish your exams before 2024.
- If you are graduating in 2023, you can either try to take some in ' 23 and some in ' 24 , or you can try to rush to pass all exams by the end of 2023


## CPA ExamBlueprints:

- Skeleton of the CPA exam
- Structure, topics, changes, etc.

- Only free break is after testlet 3.
- Try not to eat/drink too much before the exam, especially avoid coffee. Bring something to eat during the break
- Need a $75 \%$ or more to pass. No difference between $75 \%$ or $100 \%$, a pass is a pass and will be perceived as such.

Score Weighting on the CPA Exam


## What does it take to pass? A score of 75 or better.

## Time management

- People say that time is the hardest thing to handle, rather than content

- *Times are aboroximate
- Allot yourself enough time to get to those task based simulations, they are difficult
- Before you begin the exam, write down when you should be done with each section
- How much should you spend on each question?
- MC 75-84 seconds each
- TBS: 15-20 minutes each


## To get a CPA

- Have at least 1 year (2000 hours) of Accounting experience to be a licensed CPA
- Can be from multiple companies
- Internships count


## Top 4 challenges to Passing the CPA Exam

- Difficulty
- Time
- Procrastination
- Expense
- Try to pass on your first try, each additional attempt is more time and money to prepare/sit!


## What will UWorld Roger CPA do to help you?

- Our instructor, Roger Phillips, will make it interesting for you to learn the material
- We provide data about target benchmarks
- How those who did well on the exams did on each section
- Once you hit the target percentage of questions in a section, then move on to another section!
- Once you purchase the course, it will be updated for new exams as new guidelines come out.
- Provide visuals to help improve retention
- Give you information about why certain answers were wrong and why certain answers were correct.
- Each question is reviewed for over a month before it is uploaded
- Flashcards you can create on your own to hone in on important topics

The time to Invest in yourself is now!

- Use in your current classes
- Set yourself apart
- Jumpstart your career
- Those who are fresh out of college have a higher chance of passing
- Impress your current/future employer
- Don't put your future on hold
- Try to hold off starting work until the Fall after your graduation so you can try to get one or two exams out of the way before you begin working


## Questions

