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## Cover page

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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **Concentration in Accounting in m.p.ac** |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable)  | **concentration in accounting and information systems** |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Program:** [**revision**](#revision) |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Sean Cote** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Accounting and CIS** |
| A.4. [Rationale](#Rationale)/Context | **The purpose of this proposal is to propose a revised concentration in the M.P.Ac program. As currently designed we only have about 3% of our graduating accounting majors going into our M.P.Ac program. With these proposed changes we hope that more graduating accounting majors will continue into our master’s degree program at RIC. The Accounting and CIS department surveyed the current senior class and the majority were interested in this revised concentration. According to the United States Department of Labor, careers in Accounting will increase 10% over the next 10 years. This concentration change to the M.P.Ac will enable graduating seniors to advance their careers with this degree. Students will also meet the 150 hour CPA requirement. In addition, RIC will now have a low cost option for bachelor degree graduates in accounting who want to become CPA’s. This new concentration will also attract outside potential students who want a low cost graduate option and to grow within their respective accounting careers.** **ACCT 533 and ACCT 552 will no longer be offered. There has been no demand for the Accounting Information Systems concentration. This will have no impact on any other programs.**  |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) | **More undergraduate students will get a Master’s degree at RIC and be better prepared to take the CPA exam along with meeting the 150-hour requirement to become a CPA. Graduating students will be prepared to be leaders within the Accounting industry.**  |
| A.6. Impact on other programs and courses | **We will no longer be offering ACCT 533 and ACCT 552. No demand. This will not impact any programs.** |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | *[Faculty PT & FT](#faculty" \o "Need to hire new full-time or part-time faculty? This is where you indicate if this proposal will be affecting FLH in your department/program.)*:  | **One new academically qualified full-time faculty member to support the program with additional new adjuncts hired on a per course basis.** |
|  | [*Library*:](#library) | **None: Existing resources will meet the needs of the revised concentration.** |
|  | [*Technology*](#technology) | **None: Existing resources will meet the needs of the revised concentration.** |
|  | [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **None: Existing resources will meet the needs of the revised concentration.** |
|  | *Promotion/ marketing needs* | **New literature on the M.P.Ac program will have to be created in order to market the program.**  |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2018** |
| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: The proposal must include all relevant pages from the college catalog, and must show how the catalog will be revised. (1) Go to the “Forms and Information” page on the Graduate Committee website. Scroll down until you see the Word files for the current catalog. (2) Download ALL catalog sections relevant for this proposal, including course descriptions and/or other affected programs. (3) Place ALL relevant catalog copy into a single file. Put page breaks between sections and delete any catalog pages not relevant for this proposal. (4) Using the track changes function, revise the catalog pages to demonstrate what the information should look like in next year’s catalog. (5) Check the revised catalog pages against the proposal form, especially making sure that program totals are correct if adding/deleting course credits.  |

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### C. [Program Proposals](file:///C%3A/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#program_proposals)

|  | Old  | New/revised |
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| C: Concentration Title | **M.P.Ac concentration in Accounting and Information Systems** | **M.P.Ac concentration in Accounting** |
| C.1. [Enrollments](file:///C%3A/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#enrollments) | **0** | **30 Estimate** |
| C.2. [Admission requirements](file:///C%3A/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#admissions) | **Completed graduate application** | **Completed graduate application, 3 letter of references, GMAT if required, and review of application by graduate acceptance committee for M.P.Ac** |
| C.4. [Course requirements](file:///C%3A/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#course_reqs) for each program option | **ACCT 510, required****ACCT 552, required****ACCT 533, required****CIS 421, required****CIS 453, required****CIS 535, required****Electives:****6 credit hours of graduate accounting course work****6 credit hours of graduate course work****3 credit hours of graduate computer information systems work** | **ACCT 548, required****ACCT 549, required****ACCT 561, required****ACCT 553, required****ACCT 510, required****Electives:****15 credit hours of graduate accounting course work** |
| C.5. [Credit count](file:///C%3A/Users/scote_0291/Downloads/1718_015%20PORT%20520%20new%20course.docx#credit_count) for each program option | **30** | **30** |
| C.6. Requirement for thesis, project, or comprehensive exam  | **No** | **Students will complete a research project related to current topics published by the Financial Accounting Standards Board** |
| C.7. Other changes if any | **None** | **None** |

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## D. Signatures

* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs).
* Proposals that do not have appropriate approval signatures will not be considered.
* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to graduatecommittee@ric.edu and a printed or electronic signature copy of this form to the current Chair of Graduate Committee. Check Graduate Committee website for due dates.

##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary prposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Sean Cote | Program Director of M.P.Ac |  |  |
| Dr. Lisa Bain | Chair of Accounting and CIS |  |  |
| Dr. Jeffery Mello | Dean of School of Business |  |  |

##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge): REQUIRED from OTHER PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSAL. SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE APPROVAL, ONLY AWARENESS THAT THE PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED. CONCERNS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#Signature_2) | Date |
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