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Course Information

Course Title: *Accounting for Retirement Benefits*

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Course Description

A business may provide its employees with various benefit plans after they have retired, of which the most common is the pension plan. The accounting for these benefits can appear arcane, especially when a defined benefit plan is involved. In *Accounting for Retirement Benefits*, we describe the key elements of both defined benefit and defined contribution plans, and how to account for them. The course also identifies the complete range of disclosures associated with pension plans, which can be quite extensive. In short, *Accounting for Retirement Benefits* provides the accountant with a solid understanding of the fundamental issues associated with retirement benefits.

Course Content

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Final exam: Five questions (multiple-choice).

Program Delivery Method: NASBA QAS Self-Study (interactive)

Subject Codes/Field of Study: Accounting

Level: Overview

Prerequisites: Basic familiarity with accounting practices.

Advance Preparation: None

Instructions for Taking This Course

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- For a printed copy of the exam questions, open the exam and press "Print Exam."
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- CFP Board and IRS credit hours, if applicable, are reported on Tuesdays and at the end of the month.

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Learning Objectives

- Recognize the components of net periodic pension cost.
- Describe the calculation of the return on plan assets.
- Recognize the criteria used to calculate interest on the projected benefit obligation.
- Specify the accounting for defined contribution retirement plans.
- Recognize the different types of retirement-related disclosures required for public and private companies.

About the Author

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