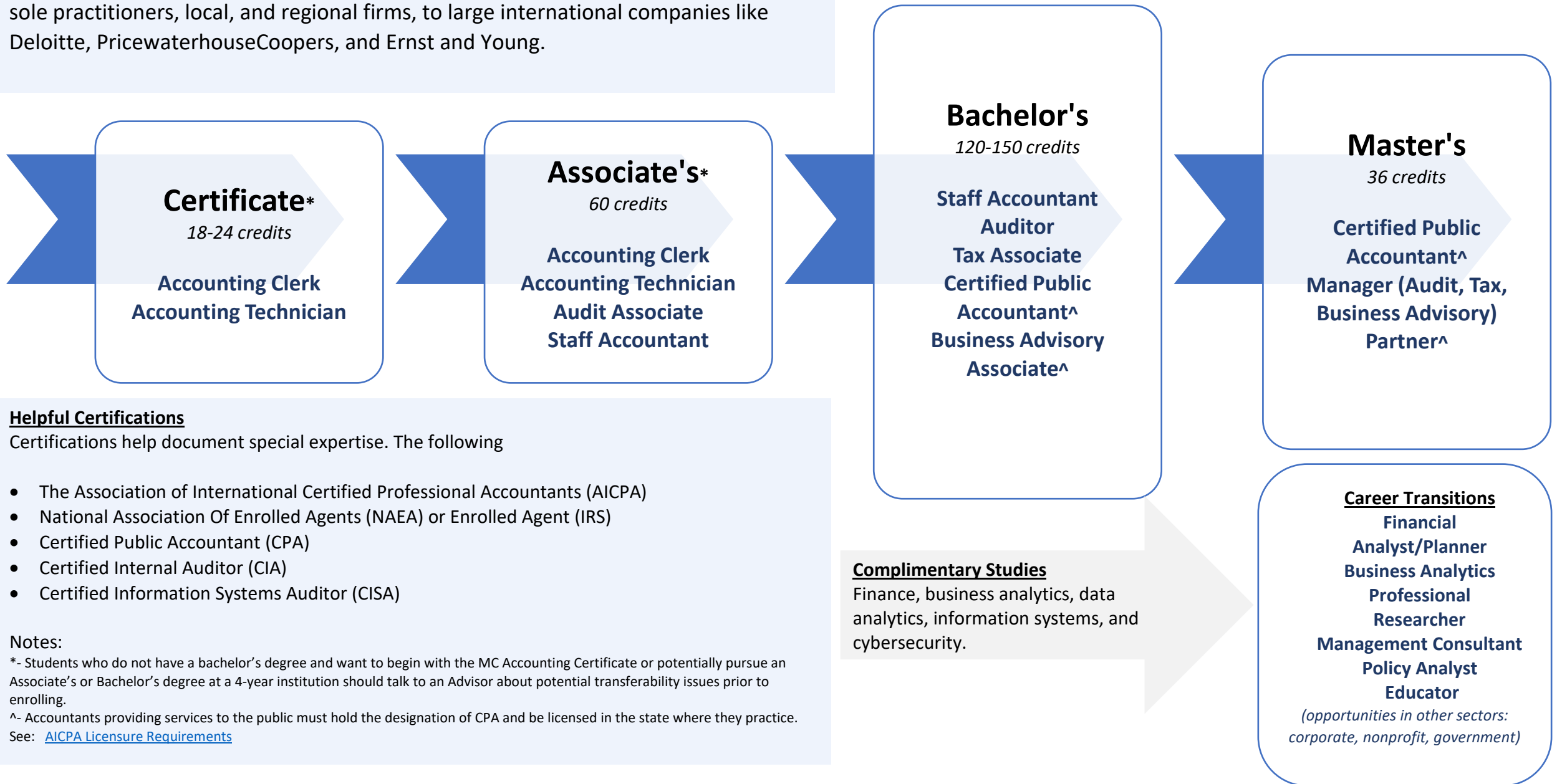


## **ACCOUNTING CAREER PATHWAY – Public Accounting**

The public accounting pathway involves providing expert accounting, tax, auditing services to individuals, businesses, non-profits, and government entities. Some firms may provide business advisory services\*. Public accounting firms range in size from sole practitioners, local, and regional firms, to large international companies like Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Ernst and Young.



### **Helpful Certifications**

Certifications help document special expertise. The following

- The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA)
- National Association Of Enrolled Agents (NAEA) or Enrolled Agent (IRS)
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

### **Notes:**

\*- Students who do not have a bachelor's degree and want to begin with the MC Accounting Certificate or potentially pursue an Associate's or Bachelor's degree at a 4-year institution should talk to an Advisor about potential transferability issues prior to enrolling.

^- Accountants providing services to the public must hold the designation of CPA and be licensed in the state where they practice.

See: [AICPA Licensure Requirements](#)