

Teresa Blackwood

Senior Financial Analyst

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- Results-driven CPA with 6+ years of progressive experience in financial analysis, reporting, and strategic planning across manufacturing and technology sectors
- Proven track record of streamlining financial processes, reducing month-end close time by 40% while maintaining 99.8% accuracy in financial reporting
- Expert in advanced financial modeling, variance analysis, and budget forecasting with demonstrated ability to identify \$3.2M+ in cost savings opportunities
- Strong business partner with exceptional communication skills, regularly presenting complex financial insights to C-suite executives and cross-functional teams
- Advanced proficiency in SAP FI/CO, Oracle ERP, and sophisticated Excel modeling including Monte Carlo simulations and dynamic dashboards

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Public Accountant (CPA) - Commonwealth of Massachusetts

June 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

QuickBooks ProAdvisor Certification

March 2023

QuickBooks

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

InnovateTech Solutions

2022-Present

Senior Financial Analyst

Lead financial planning and analysis for this \$85M SaaS company's core product division, managing budgets exceeding \$25M annually and reporting directly to the CFO during strategic planning cycles.

- Redesigned monthly financial reporting package, reducing preparation time from 12 to 7 days while enhancing executive dashboard functionality for 15+ stakeholders
- Developed comprehensive variance analysis framework that identified \$1.8M in operational inefficiencies, leading to 22% improvement in gross margin
- Built dynamic financial models for new product launches, accurately forecasting revenue within 3% variance and supporting \$12M investment decisions
- Collaborated with Sales and Marketing teams to implement activity-based costing model, improving customer acquisition cost accuracy by 35%
- Led implementation of Oracle NetSuite ERP system, training 25+ users and ensuring seamless transition with zero data loss

Meridian Manufacturing Corp

2019-2022

Staff Accountant

Managed full-cycle accounting operations for \$45M manufacturing division, overseeing accounts payable, receivable, and monthly close processes while supporting annual audit preparations.

Streamlined accounts payable process, reducing invoice processing time by 45% while managing 800+ monthly vendor

transactions

- Prepared detailed cost accounting analysis for 12 product lines, identifying \$750K in material cost savings through vendor renegotiation
- Assisted in year-end audit preparation for 3 consecutive years, achieving clean audit opinions with zero material weaknesses
- Implemented automated reconciliation procedures using Excel VBA, reducing manual reconciliation time by 60% across 50+ accounts
- Mentored 2 junior accounting clerks, developing training materials that reduced onboarding time from 6 weeks to 4 weeks

Beacon Financial Services

2018-2019

Junior Accountant

Supported senior accountants in preparing financial statements and tax returns for diverse client portfolio of 35+ small to medium-sized businesses across multiple industries.

- Prepared monthly financial statements for 15+ clients, maintaining 99.5% accuracy rate while meeting all deadline requirements
- Assisted in preparation of corporate tax returns generating \$180K in identified tax savings through strategic deduction optimization
- Conducted detailed account reconciliations and journal entry preparation, processing 200+ transactions monthly
- Developed client-specific Excel templates that improved data collection efficiency by 30% during busy season

EDUCATION

Northeastern University

May 2018

Master of Science in Accounting

GPA: 3.9/4.0

Completed 150 credit hours meeting CPA education requirements

Relevant Coursework: Advanced Financial Reporting, Corporate Taxation, Forensic Accounting, International Accounting Standards

Boston College May 2016

Bachelor of Science in Finance

Magna Cum Laude | GPA: 3.7/4.0

Beta Alpha Psi National Honor Society - Vice President, managed professional development events for 80+ members

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

Accounting Software and ERP Systems:

- SAP FI/CO: 4+ years configuring general ledger, cost center accounting, and financial reporting modules
- Oracle NetSuite: Advanced user with implementation experience, custom dashboard creation, and workflow automation
- QuickBooks Enterprise: Certified ProAdvisor with multi-company consolidation expertise
- Sage Intacct: 2+ years experience in multi-dimensional reporting and project accounting

Advanced Analytics and Modeling:

- Microsoft Excel: Expert-level including VBA programming, pivot tables, Monte Carlo simulations, and dynamic financial modeling
- Power BI: Advanced data visualization and automated reporting dashboard creation
- SQL: Intermediate querying capabilities for financial data analysis and reporting
- Tableau: Financial data visualization and executive reporting

Specialized Accounting Knowledge:

- US GAAP and IFRS financial reporting standards
- ASC 606 Revenue Recognition implementation and compliance
- ASC 842 Lease Accounting standards and system implementation

- SOX compliance and internal controls documentation
- Multi-state tax compliance and nexus analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Navigating ASC 842: A Practical Implementation Guide for Mid-Market Companies

September 2023

MSCPA Journal

2,500+ reader engagement

Cost Accounting in the Digital Age: Leveraging Technology for Strategic Decision Making

November 2023

New England CPA Conference

Presented to 200+ attendees

AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

Outstanding Young Professional Award

2023

Massachusetts Society of CPAs

Recognized for exceptional contribution to the accounting profession and community service

Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Graduate Award

2018

Northeastern University

Selected from 150+ accounting graduate students for academic excellence and leadership

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Massachusetts Society of CPAs (MSCPA)

2021-Present

Active Member

American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)

2021-Present

Member

Advanced Excel for Financial Professionals

2024

16 CPE Credits

Boston University

Cryptocurrency and Digital Assets: Accounting and Tax Implications

2023

8 CPE Credits

AICPA

Data Analytics for CPAs: Power BI Fundamentals

2023

12 CPE Credits

MSCPA