Build a rewarding career in accounting

ACCOUNTING and finance professionals remain in high demand across all industries. These roles are pivotal in overseeing budgeting and providing financial advice, as well as efficiently managing annual financial statements and company audits.

Recognising the importance of knowledgeable and competent accounting personnel, Management and Science University (MSU) College offers the Diploma in Accounting through its School of Hospitality, Education and Business Studies (SHB) to those who enjoy working with numbers and calculations.

Students will be taught accounting principles and auditing, as well as the most recent developments in economics, management, marketing, finance and insurance.

The curriculum ensures that students are not only capable of performing accounting transactions, but also of making critical business decisions.

This programme provides students with a solid foundation for mastering theory and techniques to understand financial and accounting activities.

Topics of study include economics, information technology and accounting law.

Students with three credits in mathematics, science and any other subject in the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia or recognised certificates can expect a conducive learning environment supervised by high-calibre academics with years of experience in the field.

Various character-building programmes, including those linked to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals initiatives, community engagements and entrepreneurial embedded ecosystems will also be woven into the students' learning experience to help them become more competitive and well-rounded.

Credit transfer allows MSU College graduates to pursue a second-year bachelor's degree at MSU through its Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies.

Students are also encouraged to pursue additional accounting certifications such as ACCA or CAT to increase their earning power.

Other programmes offered by SHB include Early Childhood Education, Management and English Language Teaching.

MSU College is also the MSU APEL Centre for potential candidates to take the APEL Aptitude Test as the non-conventional pre-qualification for entry into higher studies, in which MSU currently offers APEL A and APEL C at T-3 (certificate), T-4 (diploma), T-6 (bachelor's degree) and T-7 (master's degree) levels.

■ For more information on the programmes offered, visit *www.msucollege.edu.my*, email enquiry@msucollege.my or call 06-764 8686.

MSU College meets the demand for efficient and competitive accounting graduates by equipping them with technical expertise and strategic decision-making skills.

msu
management and science university

Management and Science University (MSU) is a globally recognised institution, ranked by both Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) and Times Higher Education (THE). Committed to developing well-rounded human capital, MSU envisions a more sustainable and inclusive future. Through transformative learning experiences, the university promotes equality and strives to create a level playing field for all, enriching lives and shaping tomorrow's leaders.

Field of Studies :

. Medicine
. Medical Sciences
. Dental Surgery
. Veterinary Medicine
. Pharmacy
. Traditional Chinese Medicine
. Pharmaceutical Technology

PSV CERTIFIED
EMPLOYERS' CHOICE OF UNIVERSITY TALENTBANK
The Employers' Choice of University 2025

Let's #go2msu

Contact us :
Tel : 03 5521 6868
Email : enquiry@msu.edu.my
MSUmalaysia
MSUmalaysia.official
MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY (MSU) DU019(B)
No.4, Persiaran Olahraga, Seksyen 13, 40000 Shah Alam, Selangor.
Yayasan msu

A calling beyond medicine

BEING an emergency doctor is more than a profession; it is a calling. For Dr Grace Vani Thiyagarajan, it means stepping into a world where every second matters, resilience is tested daily and compassion must always accompany skill.

In the Emergency Department at Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital in Seremban, she works on the fine balance between life and death, facing moments that demand not only medical expertise but also an unwavering heart.

"As a medical officer in the Emergency Department, the work is always fast-paced. We constantly need to be alert, prepared and ready to respond to every kind of emergency at any time," she said.

Unlike many medical specialities, emergency doctors are the first point of contact when a patient arrives.

This means assessing patient conditions, making split-second decisions and determining the next course of action long before a speciality team steps in.

"Whatever needs to be done at the very first stage, we do it. Resuscitation is our main responsibility and that's what we are trained for," she explained.

It is a responsibility that comes with weight, but also with purpose. For Dr Grace, every decision, action and moment spent in the emergency room is tied to one truth: time is never on their side.

She recalled one such case where a patient came in with a massive heart attack.

The emergency team stabilised the patient, performed thrombolysis immediately and arranged for an urgent transfer to Serdang for an angiogram. Only after stabilisation could the speciality team take over.

"That's the biggest difference between emergency doctors and other departments. We don't have the luxury of waiting. We act first because those first few minutes can mean the difference between life and death," she said.

Beyond the stethoscope

For Dr Grace, medicine has never been only about clinical skills or technical expertise; it is about embodying compassion in every form.

"In healthcare, there is no such thing as 'that's not my job'. Sometimes you might even serve a patient food, and even that small act itself helps them heal," she said.

"The moment you become a doctor, you should never think of yourself as just a doctor. You must also be ready to take on the role of a nurse or medical assistant, or even act like a son, daughter or parent to your patient."

Beyond physical healing, she believes emotional care is just as critical, particularly for younger patients who come in with severe distress or trauma.

It is this human side of medicine, preserving the willingness to listen, comfort and reassure people, that she holds closest to her heart.

"For me, this is the true significance of the job – restoring life and stability, both physically and emotionally," she said.

Roots of resilience

Looking back, Dr Grace credits her university years for shaping the resilience and perseverance that define her today.

"Studying at Management and Science University (MSU) shaped me deeply. I was surrounded by friends who always encouraged me," she reflected.

'Every shift, every patient and every life touched reaffirms why I chose this path – to serve, heal and give hope when it's needed most,' said Dr Grace.

"Thanks to them, I never felt alone or tired. Their support is one of the main reasons I was able to complete my Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) successfully."

Her circle of friends, especially those in the Student Representative Council, became more than peers – they became a family.

A defining moment

Among the many experiences that shaped her, one stands out as a turning point in her life.

During her time at MSU, she joined a trip to Padang, Indonesia. The journey took her to a remote village nearly 200km away from the nearest hospital.

Her first patient that day was a woman who was over 100 years old, complaining of chest and knee pains.

Although she was still just a student, Dr Grace listened with care, used a stethoscope and offered basic health advice. By the end of the day, she had seen more than 40 patients.

For many of those villagers, she was not only the first "doctor" they had ever met, but also the first non-Muslim visitor to their community. The experience changed her outlook forever.

"The respect, gratitude and trust they showed made me realise this was what I wanted to do with my life. That was the day I decided to become a doctor," she said.

A dream realised

Years later, that decision blossomed into her proudest achievement.

"My greatest achievement has been fulfilling a lifelong dream of becoming a doctor," she shared.

Her career began as a house officer at Kuala Lumpur Hospital, where she underwent two intense years of housemanship.

The challenges were immense and the learning curve steep, but those years built her foundation in medicine and strengthened her resilience.

Completing her training and being appointed as a medical officer was more than a career milestone; it was the beginning of a true calling.

Today, Dr Grace serves as a medical officer in Unit 13 of the Emergency Department at Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital.

With seven years of experience, she continues to dedicate her life to the frontlines of healthcare.

"Every shift, every patient and every life touched reaffirms why I chose this path – to serve, heal and give hope when it's needed most," she said.

Heart of humility

Despite her years of experience and countless lives touched, Dr Grace remains firmly grounded. For her, humility is the foundation of good medicine.

"Always stay humble. Never think, 'I'm a doctor, I know everything'. Medicine is a lifelong journey with new diseases emerging and old treatments being replaced, so we must keep learning," she said.

Her philosophy reflects not just medical wisdom, but a way of life.

"Ask your superiors. Never work in isolation. If you don't know something, get help. Two pairs of hands are always better than one when it comes to saving a patient," she advised.

In the relentless pace of the emergency department, this mindset is more than advice; it is survival, growth and hope.

For Dr Grace, being a doctor is not about knowing everything. It is about never giving up the will to learn, serve and save.

Learn better with study groups

FORMING a study group is a smart move for effective revision, but getting one right can be a challenge. To create a group that maximises the benefits of collaborative learning, here's how to start.

Step outside your comfort zone

While it's tempting to stick with friends, you'll gain more by inviting people you don't know well. Different perspectives can spark fresh insights and broaden your understanding.

Keep it small

Forget "the more, the merrier" – in this case, less is more. A group of four is ideal, as it allows for easy pairing and balanced discussions. Three works too, but anything beyond six can lead to too many opinions and not enough time for everyone to participate meaningfully.

Set a clear plan

Use your study guide to structure group sessions. Decide on the duration of each meeting, what topics to cover and who's in charge of each section. Stick to a regular schedule as trying to meet everyone's availability can be a logistical nightmare.

Choose the right location

Choose a quiet study spot where you won't be distracted by music or friends like an empty classroom or study room. A cafeteria can work, but avoid peak meal times when it gets crowded and noisy.

Rotate the teaching role

Teaching others is one of the most effective ways to test your understanding. Take turns presenting topics to the group. When it's your turn, share your notes and help others grasp the key points.

Prepare for exam revision

Once you're comfortable with each other, try reviewing key topics for exams as well. Use one session to discuss possible exam questions and one or two more sessions to review challenging topics.

Star EDUCATION FAIR 2026

WHERE

EDUCATION SHAPES TOMORROW

Meet eager students and parents. Help them navigate their education journey. Leave a lasting impression.

JOIN ONE OF MALAYSIA'S LONGEST-ESTABLISHED EDUCATION FAIRS

39 YEARS
of industry excellence

1.9 MILLION
visitors served

20,000
exhibitors engaged

3,000+
scholar recipients

SHAPE THE NEXT GENERATION OF TALENT

BY POPULAR DEMAND

11-12 APRIL 2026	25-26 APRIL 2026	16-17 MAY 2026	23-24 MAY 2026
KLCC	PERSADA JOHOR	IOI GRAND PUTRAJAYA	SETIA SPICE PENANG

PARTNER WITH US

bit.ly/sefdec_1

Further Enquiries

+603 7967 1388 (ext. 1477/1475)
+6012 639 3994

edufair@thestar.com.my

Organiser Star MEDIA GROUP