



Is a career in accounting for you?

AAT - Audit & Accounts Trainee – 2026 Intake (equivalent to a degree level apprenticeship). College Leaver Programme

Chester Practice

Would you like to get relevant on the job experience while you study for a recognised qualification, then starting your career with our trainee programme is a good option.

We are looking to recruit an ambitious, hard working individual to start their career as a Trainee Accountant within our Chester practice through our college leaver programme

Champion's wide range of clients means that our trainees benefit from working with an interesting mix of industries, types of business and size, and they gain a wide range of experience across audit and accountancy.

You will have a strong academic background, educated to A Level standard and display a keen interest and aptitude for accounting. With Champion you will initially study the AAT standards and be supported right through the ACCA exams to gain professional status, all with the added bonus of no student debt.

Alongside your keen interest in accounting, to succeed in this role you must also have the ability to communicate well at all levels, be computer literate and demonstrate good team working skills.

You will be part of a team working on accounts preparation and audit assignments with a range of clients and we will make sure that you have the right experience, personal development and training to make your career stimulating and rewarding. We will balance your practical experience to reinforce your professional training to help you achieve your qualification.

Alongside the full study support package we offer a competitive salary and other benefits in supportive environment where you will learn from other team members. You will be working 35 hours per week (with the option to work these hours on a 4-day week) and study for the AAT standards through a remote live online session during the evening. After the completion of AAT standards, the ACCA qualification consists of block booking courses which run through your working day.

To apply, please send your CV and supporting details to:
careers@championgroup.co.uk

Address detail: 2nd Floor, Refuge House, 33-37 Watergate Row, Chester. CH1 2LE

We will be reviewing applications during February, with interviews being held early March. The role will commence July/August 2026 after the completion of current studies

Due to the volume of applicants we are unable to respond directly. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks of your application, unfortunately you have been unsuccessful on this occasion