JULIAN MERCER

ACCOUNTANT

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Accountant with 7+ years maintaining general ledgers, reconciling accounts, and supporting audits for mid-sized companies. Combines strong GAAP knowledge with careful documentation and process improvements that shorten close cycles and reduce adjusting entries.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Accountant Mar 2021 - Present
Costco Wholesale, Issaquah, WA

- Maintained general ledger accounts for a regional entity with $620M in annual revenue, posting and reviewing 300+ monthly entries.
- Reconciled 45 balance sheet accounts each month, clearing unreconciled items older than 60 days by 92% in one year.
- Prepared audit schedules and responded to external auditor requests, contributing to a clean opinion with no material findings.
- Standardized accrual checklists with department owners, reducing post-close adjusting entries by 28%.
- Partnered with treasury on bank reconciliations, shortening daily cash matching from four hours to ninety minutes.
- Prepared monthly balance sheet reconciliations for 30+ general ledger accounts, clearing aged items within 45 days of close.
- Automated accrual journal entries with a reusable Excel template, shortening the monthly close by one business day.

Staff Accountant Sep 2017 - Feb 2021
Moss Adams, Seattle, WA

- Handled accounting and monthly close tasks for eight client engagements across manufacturing and technology.
- Prepared trial balances, fixed asset rollforwards, and sales tax schedules with a review-note rate under 3%.
- Recommended cleanup of recurring coding errors for two clients, lowering reclassification entries by about 30%.
- Trained three associates on reconciliation workpapers and documentation standards used across the practice.
- Supported external audit fieldwork by preparing schedules and responding to 60+ document requests ahead of agreed deadlines.

Accounting Clerk Jun 2016 - Aug 2017
Alaska Airlines, Seattle, WA

- Processed 250 vendor invoices a week and matched them to receiving records, keeping payment errors below 1%.
- Assisted with month-end accruals and expense analysis for a $45M operating department.
- Maintained supporting files for intercompany balances, helping the team close open items before each deadline.

CORE SKILLS

General ledger | Account reconciliation | GAAP | Month-end close | Audit support | Accruals | Fixed assets | Sales tax | Bank reconciliation | QuickBooks | NetSuite | Excel | Internal controls | Financial reporting

EDUCATION

B.A. in Accounting, Seattle University, Seattle, WA

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Washington | QuickBooks ProAdvisor