JULIAN MERCER

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior Accountant with 8+ years in public and corporate accounting, leading the monthly close, account reconciliations, and revenue accounting for a national retailer. Licensed CPA and Certified Management Accountant who shortens close cycles, tightens controls, and mentors staff accountants.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Accountant Jan 2023 - Present
Nordstrom, Seattle, WA

- Own the monthly close for the gift card and revenue accounts, completing journal entries and reconciliations by business day four.
- Shortened the close from seven to five business days by moving recurring entries to templates and setting reconciliation deadlines.
- Reconcile about 120 balance sheet accounts each month and resolved $1.8 million in aged reconciling items over two years.
- Prepare flux analysis on revenue and gift card liability for the controller, explaining variances above a 5% threshold.
- Review the work of two staff accountants and coach them on support documentation and accrual estimates.
- Document and test key controls for revenue and cash with internal audit, with no deficiencies noted in the last SOX cycle.
- Prepare quarterly account balance support and tie-outs for the SEC reporting team, delivered two days before the deadline.

Staff Accountant Jul 2020 - Dec 2022

- Posted accruals, prepaid amortization, and fixed asset entries for a $1.6 billion business unit.
- Automated a monthly intercompany reconciliation in Excel and Power Query, saving about 12 hours each close.
- Supported the external audit by preparing 40 schedules and responding to auditor requests within two days.
- Identified a $240,000 duplicate accrual during a reconciliation review and corrected it before quarter-end reporting.

Staff Auditor Aug 2018 - Jun 2020
Moss Adams, Seattle, WA

- Performed audit procedures for 12 mid-market clients in retail and manufacturing, testing inventory, revenue, and payables.
- Drafted workpapers reviewed by managers with fewer than 10% of items returned for corrections.
- Counted inventory at five client sites and reconciled results to the books, noting two adjustments that were corrected.
- Trained two incoming interns on audit software and workpaper standards during busy season.
- Passed all four CPA exam sections within 14 months of joining and then moved into corporate accounting.

CORE SKILLS

Month-end close | Account reconciliation | Revenue accounting | Flux analysis | Accruals and prepaids | Internal controls and SOX | Audit support | Fixed assets | Oracle and SAP | Excel and Power Query | US GAAP | Staff review and coaching | Financial reporting

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Seattle University, Seattle, WA

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Washington | Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Institute of Management Accountants