JULIAN MERCER

STAFF ACCOUNTANT

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Staff Accountant with 3+ years preparing journal entries, supporting month-end close, and maintaining clean subledgers for growing software and retail businesses. Reliable on deadlines, careful with documentation, and eager to improve routine close tasks.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Staff Accountant Jan 2023 - Present
Shopify, Ottawa, ON

- Prepared 120+ journal entries monthly for accruals, prepaids, and revenue adjustments with supporting schedules for reviewer sign-off.
- Owned eight reconciliations in the month-end checklist and completed them by close day three in 11 consecutive months.
- Created a prepaid expense amortization workbook that removed recurring formula errors and saved about six hours each close.
- Researched and resolved 40+ intercompany differences with regional teams, keeping the balance within tolerance at quarter end.
- Reconciled bank and payment-processor accounts weekly, resolving unmatched items within three business days.
- Prepared monthly accrual and prepaid expense schedules, supporting an on-time close for eight consecutive months.

Accounts Payable and GL Associate Jul 2021 - Dec 2022
Lululemon, Vancouver, BC

- Coded and posted 350 supplier invoices a week and matched them to purchase orders with a 99% accuracy rate.
- Prepared weekly vendor statement reconciliations that uncovered $64K in duplicate or unapplied payments.
- Supported month-end by compiling expense accruals from 12 budget owners and following up on late responses.
- Documented accounts payable procedures for coding and approvals, supporting a smoother handover to two new hires.

Accounting Intern May 2020 - Aug 2020
KPMG, Toronto, ON

- Assisted audit teams with sample selection, confirmations, and workpaper tie-outs for two retail clients.
- Recomputed depreciation and interest schedules in Excel, identifying three small errors before manager review.
- Organized client documents in a structured index, helping the team respond to information requests faster.
- Maintained a daily log of open audit requests so the team could close outstanding items before each status call.

CORE SKILLS

Journal entries | Month-end close | Account reconciliation | Accruals and prepaids | Accounts payable | Intercompany accounting | Excel | NetSuite | QuickBooks | GAAP fundamentals | Subledger maintenance | Documentation | Variance review | Deadline management

EDUCATION

B.Comm. in Accounting, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON

CERTIFICATIONS

CPA Canada candidate | Microsoft Excel Associate