ERP Integration in the Accounting Curriculum

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems present opportunities for companies to improve efficiency, increase revenue, and control costs. A national survey of industry managers indicated that ERP is a part of industry today and the knowledge to use ERP systems is necessary for many accountants to remain competitive and succeed in their careers. So, the question is, are universities meeting this need? This research reviewed the accounting programs of U.S. universities to assess the coverage of ERP systems in accounting curriculums and found a gap between industry needs and ERP coverage. Methods to include ERP training in accounting programs are proposed.

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