PRIYA NATARAJAN

Senior Accountant, CPA | Corporate Accounting and Month-End Close

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SUMMARY

CPA with 9 years of accounting experience: 2 years in public audit and 7 years in corporate accounting for manufacturers and distributors with $300M–$450M in annual revenue. Own 6 balance sheet areas and 140 monthly reconciliations in NetSuite and BlackLine. Cut the month-end close from 9 to 5 business days; the last 2 external audits had no adjustments in owned accounts. Strong in US GAAP, ASC 606, ASC 842, and advanced Excel.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Accountant — *Corvane Industrial Products*

Mar 2022–Present

Private industrial equipment maker with $400M–$450M in annual revenue, 3 plants, and a 14-person finance team; NetSuite ERP.

- Run the month-end close calendar for 3 plants and 2 legal entities; cut the close from 9 to 5 business days in 18 months with a shared checklist and 22 new NetSuite saved searches.
- Prepare and review 140 balance sheet reconciliations per month in BlackLine; reduced reconciling items older than 90 days from $1.2M to $85K.
- Led the ASC 842 lease adoption for 37 real estate and equipment leases; recorded $18.6M in right-of-use assets and lease liabilities with no audit adjustments.
- Prepare the quarterly flux analysis for the controller and 12 audit support schedules; the 2024 and 2025 external audits had no adjustments in owned accounts.
- Wrote 15 close procedures and review the work of 2 staff accountants; review notes per close fell from 40 to 12.

Staff Accountant — *Prairie Hearth Foods Distribution*

Jun 2019–Feb 2022

Wholesale food distributor with $300M–$350M in annual revenue and 6 warehouses; Microsoft Dynamics GP, then NetSuite.

- Prepared about 180 journal entries per close for accruals, prepaid expenses, payroll, and fixed assets.
- Reconciled 4 bank accounts and 2 corporate card programs with about 9,000 transactions per month.
- Rebuilt the fixed asset register for 2,400 assets and wrote off $640K of disposed assets that the register still carried.
- Cut the monthly vendor accrual from 2 days to 4 hours with a Power Query template that pulled open purchase orders from the ERP.
- Mapped 1,100 Dynamics GP accounts to a new 420-account NetSuite chart of accounts during the 2021 system conversion.

Audit Associate — *Hollis Brandt LLP*

Sept 2017–May 2019

Regional public accounting firm with 4 offices and 140 staff.

- Performed audit fieldwork for 14 manufacturing and nonprofit clients with revenue from $8M to $95M.
- Tested internal controls over revenue, purchasing, and payroll for 5 clients and documented 60 control walkthroughs.
- Prepared the federal awards testing for 3 nonprofit single audits.
- Passed all 4 sections of the CPA exam in 14 months while working full time.

EDUCATION

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North Prairie State University May 2017
Master of Accountancy in Accounting (MAcc)

North Prairie State University May 2016
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting

SKILLS

Accounting: Month-end close, Account reconciliations, Journal entries and accruals, US GAAP, Revenue recognition (ASC 606), Lease accounting (ASC 842), Fixed assets, Flux analysis, Audit support, Internal controls

Systems: NetSuite, BlackLine, Microsoft Dynamics GP, Excel (Power Query, XLOOKUP, pivot tables), Power BI

CERTIFICATES

Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Minnesota, active Apr 2019
Minnesota Board of Accountancy

Microsoft Office Specialist: Excel Expert Feb 2021
Microsoft

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