The Graduate Tax Program was created at the University of Denver in 1975 in response to the demand for trained tax specialists in both the legal and accounting professions. Initially an evening program catering to the needs of practicing attorneys and accountants employed in the Denver area, it has evolved into one of the few such programs to offer a curriculum designed for both the full- and part-time student. The Graduate Tax Program also offers its degrees in an online format for working professionals who live more than 50 miles from Denver. The Program, accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and subject to acquiescence by the American Bar Association, is offered to highly qualified students who are graduates in law, accounting, or business.

The Graduate Tax Program prepares students for entry into professional tax practice in both the public and private sectors. Through the interdisciplinary nature of the program, the law graduate learns the accounting aspects of tax practice, and the accounting graduate acquires a thorough understanding of the legal process.