

RACHAEL STRICKLAND, CPA

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT



INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- Medical device
- Manufacturing
- Clinical Research
- Mining
- Telecommunications
- Healthcare technology

FUNCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- SEC reporting
- Consolidations
- U.S. GAAP financial statements and reporting
- Share-based compensation
- Month-end close, journal entry preparation and review
- Internal controls over financial reporting
- Account reconciliation and analysis
- System implementation
- Revenue cycle
- Technical accounting research
- Financial statement audits

SYSTEMS EXPERIENCE

- SAP S/4HANA
- Equity Edge Online
- SAP Group Reporting
- SAP Concur (Expense and Invoice)
- SAP Analytic Cloud
- Sage Intacct
- Syspro
- QuickBooks
- WDesk / Workiva
- Namely
- Kissflow
- Google Suite
- Microsoft (Excel, Word, and PowerPoint)

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Master of Accounting, North Carolina State University

Bachelor of Science in Accounting, North Carolina State University

CPA in North Carolina

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Self-motivated accounting professional with a wide variety of experience in publicly traded companies including SEC reporting, month-end close, global consolidations, equity administration, financial analysis, financial statement audits, and SOX 404 compliance. Resourceful problem solver with ability to collaborate across functions and communicate effectively with all levels of management. Thoughtful people leader with proven track record of motivating teams and inspiring a positive working environment.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- In support of a private equity backed clinical research client, consultant was initially engaged to support the implementation of Sage Intacct from QuickBooks, performing AP and AR subledger loads across four entities and validating the full GL Load from the acquisition date to the Sage implementation date. After the implementation, she assisted the accounting team with operational and month-end close tasks, including bank reconciliations, journal entries, monthly revenue uploads, and intercompany reconciliations. She then focused primarily on revenue and accounts receivable after integrating the new clinical trial management system, CRIO. She recorded revenue for all sites, led AR cleanup and collections, and regularly met with the CFO and finance leaders to provide revenue and AR updates. Throughout the engagement, Rachael implemented several process improvements, such as developing new processes for Sage upload templates to reduce manual entry, collaborating with the implementation team on custom fields, and developing processes for CRIO post-implementation. She worked with clinical systems architects and finance leaders to centralize and identify billable activities across sites, improving revenue reporting accuracy and reducing month-end close workload. Finally, she developed a process for recording revenue from CRIO in Sage each month.
- Previously supported private equity backed healthcare technology company during first-year audit by preparing an initial assessment on the state of the financials and developed an issue list to share with a third-party firm responsible for cleanup work. Implemented the lease standard (ASC 842), including documenting the process through a technical memo, and created amortization schedules for each material lease, also creating amortization schedules to efficiently record monthly lease journal entries going forward. Rachael also developed a fixed asset policy.
- Most recent role before joining Vaco was Assistant Controller at publicly traded medical device company, directing timely completion of SEC Filings, including 10-Q, 10-K, and Proxy statements. Responsible for global consolidation of twelve entities. Managed month-end close process and general ledger functions. Oversaw inventory and cost accounting including standard costing and inventory reserves. Administered equity-based compensation plan, including stock options and restricted stock. Directly responsible for developing and maintaining effective internal controls over financial reporting with emphasis on FRCP, Equity, Inventory, and Purchase to Pay processes. Interfaced with global accounting team and leaders across functions to provide guidance on proper handling of complex transactions.
- Led implementation of SAP Group Reporting consolidation module, ensuring proper consolidation and reporting for twelve entities across the US, Europe, and Asia. Collaborated with SAP developers to build financial statements, footnote disclosure tables, and management reporting in SAP Analytic Cloud. Designed updated internal control procedures over consolidation and reporting process.

PROFESSIONAL CHRONOLOGY

June 2024 – Present	Professional Consultant <i>Vaco</i>
August 2019 – June 2023 August 2017 – August 2019	Assistant Controller Senior Accountant <i>Asensus Surgical</i>
October 2016 – July 2017 September 2014 – September 2016	Assurance Senior Associate Assurance Associate <i>Ernst & Young, LLP</i>