Dive into the dynamic world of blockchain and cryptocurrencies, a realm where finance meets the future. In this transformative half-day workshop designed for accounting professors, explore the seismic shifts occurring in the financial landscape due to the rapid adoption and integration of blockchain technology and cryptocurrencies. As we sail through 2023 and look ahead to 2024, the momentum is undeniable: from corporate giants investing billions in cryptocurrencies to governments rolling out Central Bank Digital Currencies, the paradigm of traditional finance is being reshaped. Regulations are evolving at a breakneck pace, and influential bodies like the AICPA, FASB, PCAOB, and their global counterparts are constantly updating their guidance and frameworks. This workshop, led by an instructor deeply embedded in the development of standards, practical application, research, and education in the crypto economy, offers a unique, insider's perspective on these groundbreaking developments. Join us to empower yourself and your students to navigate and excel in the burgeoning landscape of blockchain and cryptocurrencies.

Format:
The class will be comprised of a mix of lecture and live demonstrations of the lifecycle of acquiring, tracking and transferring cryptocurrencies, along with manual exercises. Ideas for sharing these ideas as class projects will be offered. (Students may optionally follow along on their own devices.)

Intended Audience:
All Annual Meeting registrants interested in investing in cryptocurrencies, teaching their students about cryptocurrencies, or better understanding the trends and technology undergirding this important trends.

Learning Objectives:
Examine the components enabling decentralized cryptocurrencies and finance (DeFi)
Explore real-world use cases of crypto and non-fungible tokens (NFTs)
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Program Level: Beginner
Prerequisites: None