



**Instructor Bio:**

**Melissa G. Critcher, CPA, PC**



Melissa attended Appalachian State University where she received a bachelor of science degree in Accounting. Throughout the course of her career, she has had the opportunity to work with small and large local and regional firms across North Carolina. Currently, Melissa, has her own practice located in Charlotte, NC. Her practice concentrates on auditing employee benefit plans and consulting with CPA Firms and plan sponsors.

Melissa's background includes experience with employee benefit plans as well as various clients in the manufacturing and distribution industries and professional service organizations. Her experience has led to various opportunities, which include teaching numerous continuing professional education courses with the AICPA, NCACPA, Surgent McCoy, CPA firms, public and privately held entities. She has been repeatedly recognized as an outstanding discussion leader. Melissa has also authored several different courses for the AICPA, Surgent McCoy and others on topics ranging from employee benefit plans, internal controls, and compilation and review engagements.

Throughout, the course of her career, she has served in various roles with both the NCACPA and AICPA. These positions include serving as a member of the NCACPA Board of Directors, committee member for the NCACPA Accounting and Attestation Committee, as well as, local chapter positions for the NCACPA. Melissa has also been a volunteer on the AICPA Technical Standards Committee for Employee Benefit Plans since 2013 which evaluates referrals from the Department of Labor for deficient audits and makes recommendation for disciplinary actions at both the AICPA and individual state board levels.