

N.E. Business Educational Systems Offers Affordable 12-Week Career Training

Ever wish for a career change? Or a better job? Or a different employer? In this economy, there are plenty of reasons to wish for a different employment situation. Perhaps you have been a victim of the many layoffs Massachusetts has suffered and now find yourself without a job. Perhaps you have injured yourself in a physical job and you can no longer perform it. Perhaps you'd like that career change, but don't have the money or time for the college classes you'd need to achieve it. Whatever the circumstance, New England Business Educational Systems could, and probably does have the answer.

Background

Established in 2005 and incorporated and licensed in 2007, New England Business Educational Systems (NEBES) is the brain child of long-time educator Russell F. Bedard. Bedard, a college professor for 25 years, has taught accounting, finance, and economics. He earned his MBA from Anna Maria College and is currently receiving his DBA through Nova Southeastern University; he is a former Dean of Eastern Nazarene College.

While teaching at one particular college, the professor found himself with an unusually gifted and enthusiastic class. According to the policies set in place by this particular institution, Professor Bedard knew that he was expected to grade according to the Bell curve. (A Bell curve grading system assigns grades to students based on their relative performance in comparison to their classmates' performances.) Russell decided to challenge his students as much as possible, but in the end, he felt as though they all deserved "A"s. The Dean of the college questioned his methods, suggesting that perhaps he should have challenged them more.

"I disagreed," Bedard explained, "and I decided then and there to open a school where every student was expected to succeed with an "A," where no one fell behind, and everyone was rewarded for their hard work." Hence, NEBES was born.

Certification Programs Available

NEBES offers the following professional certifications: Certified Bookkeeping, the highest achievement for a bookkeeper (comparable to the CPA designation for an accountant); Comprehensive Tax Preparation; Certificate of Entrepreneur Program; Certificate of Paralegal; and Certificate of

Office Administration. Students (Professor Bedard prefers to call them clients) can also become Microsoft Office-Certified in a program officially backed by Microsoft.

Each program is designed not only to completely immerse the client in his new profession, but to help them know exactly how to apply their knowledge in the real world when the time comes. NEBES has a 92% job placement rate, and an excellent reputation for turning out quality students that employers can feel great about hiring. In fact, their paralegal program is taught by attorneys, and NEBES is the first place they look when hiring paralegals for their own offices.

A NEBES certificate in bookkeeping lets the prospective employer know that not only is this individual educated and driven, but also that he or shee has been trained in a real-world setting and is ready to hit the ground running. NEBES adheres to a standardized way of teaching to ensure that each student who graduates has learned all that he or she needs to know. Because there are so many filters to get through before a student completes the course, Professor Bedard feels as though there is no way for someone to slip through the cracks and graduate without evolving into the professional that they signed up to become.

Affordability

For those who are receiving unemployment compensation in these uncertain economic times, NEBES could be the answer your family is searching for. It is possible to attend NEBES with unemployment insurance covering your tuition costs completely, and continuing to send you unemployment benefits for the duration of your program (a full-time program is 12 weeks long).

NEBES could also be beneficial for those receiving worker's compensation insurance for an on-the-job injury since they often cover tuition costs. This would be particularly helpful if you are unable to continue performing your duties at the job at which you were injured.

But what if you have a job, a family, monthly bills, long-term debt and more, like so many other Americans? College tuition is expensive and their certificate programs often take two years to complete. Well, Professor Bedard has also considered these individuals too and adopted a different way of doing things—a finance program that virtually everyone can afford.

And if you have poor credit? Not an issue at NEBES. As long as you have the drive and desire to better your lot in life or change careers, you can apply for financial assistance at NEBES—if your future potential is there, you'll be granted financing.

For a life changing course, you could pay as little as \$65 a month—a little over \$2 a day—to receive a certificate in a field that is highly unlikely to become obsolete.

"The courses of study we offer focus on careers that, despite emerging technological dependencies, will always need to be filled," Bedard noted. "Lawyers will always need paralegals, taxes will always need to be prepared, and bookkeepers will always be needed to help businesses keep their finances in order."

Flexibility

Students can attend an intense 12-week program that requires 20 hours of class time per week, or a 36-week part-time program that requires 3.5 hours of class time each week. Both programs have advantages: the 12-week program gets you out into the work force quickly; the 36-week program provides the flexibility for those already employed to be able to earn their certificate at their own pace, and yet still complete their training in well under a year.

Guarantee

"If a student doesn't do well in their program, they have the option to retake the entire class for free," said Bedard, who went on to note that, if a student feels as though he didn't take away from the program all that he felt he should, he too can repeat the course for free. Also, one-on-one tutoring is available for any student who feels he/she requires it.

NEBES is a school that wants to see every student succeed. Professor Bedard is literally there to see these students through hard times, to help them get a new start, or launch a new career. When asked what the downside of NEBES is, Professor Bedard thought for a moment and then said simply, "I haven't been able to find one."

Based on all of the above, it seems pretty safe to say that Professor Bedard's brainchild is an unqualified success.

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