

I am very pleased to announce that the Baker College Center for Graduate Studies is now accepting applications for its new Doctor of Business Administration program. The first class will start in April.

The addition of a Doctoral Program to the curriculum is a major milestone for Baker College. Years of planning and hard work by both faculty and staff went into the development of this program which recently received accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Special recognition goes out to Dr. John Vinton, Dean of Doctoral Studies, who pulled everything together. Many others also deserve recognition: Dr. Mike Tyler, Dr. Bart Daig, Dr. Peggy Houghton, Dr. Charlie Johnston, Chandrika Shantaram and the library staff, plus members of the graduate faculty.

Consistent with Baker College's mission, the new doctoral program will serve the needs of working adults, helping them to advance in their careers through quality graduate education. A three-year, 90 quarter credit program, the DBA curriculum blends interdisciplinary content and research seminars with scholarly and professional development activities. The program culminates in a research-based dissertation in the third year.

The program is 100% on-line. Students are expected, however, to attend at least one professional conference per year during their program of study where they will meet with other students and faculty. The Academy of Management meeting this August in Anaheim, California is an example of an annual conference that meets this program requirement.

To be admitted into the program, an MBA degree or equivalent and a minimum of 5 years professional experience in business or management is required. Anyone wishing further information should contact:

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Check it out on the web at: <http://www.baker.edu/doctorate>

Everyone in the Graduate School is very excited with the addition of the DBA. I encourage all of you to help get the word out about Baker's new Doctoral Program.

Thank you,

Michael Heberling, PhD
President