

MBA in CED

*Master of Business Administration in
Community Economic Development*

...a distinctive graduate degree.

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ONE OF A KIND

Cape Breton University's MBA in Community Economic Development is the only MBA program in the Americas that aims to deliver advanced business knowledge and skills in the context of the community and the world. The MBA in CED offers a leading edge curriculum that includes all business subjects found in traditional MBA programs, and it also covers economic development, leadership, governance and management of change.

This program is designed for learners who aspire to play leadership roles in the public sector, in Third sector organizations, and in community-minded businesses. The MBA in CED aims to develop a new generation of leaders who have strong business management capabilities, well developed collaborative and interpersonal skills, and deep knowledge of accountability, social responsibility, and development issues and practices. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills to make a difference in leading organizations in an increasingly global community and economy.

The needs of society are always changing and CBU's size and governance structure enables us to adapt curriculum in a timely fashion to meet the evolving requirements of learners and organizations. The special appeal of the MBA in CED is evidenced by the demand for this program in different parts of Canada. Besides the CBU campus in Sydney NS, the MBA in CED program is also being delivered in Edmonton, AB, Saskatoon, SK, and Whitehorse YT.

THE PROGRAM

The MBA in CED offers a leading edge business curriculum designed to foster capacities of analysis, critical thinking, problem solving, and communication. It embraces concepts of diversity and interdependency and equips students with the knowledge base and skills to function effectively and productively in an increasingly global community.

Students must complete the required 15 three-credit courses plus a major research essay/case study, and thus earn 48 credits.

MBAC 5101	MBAC 6101	MBAC 6106	MBAC 6801
MBAC 5103	MBAC 6103	MBAC 6118	Applied
MBAC 5104	MBAC 6107	MBAC 6121	Research
MBAC 5105	MBAC 6124	MBAC 6125	Project
MBAC 5107	MBAC Elective	MBAC Elective	

Students will be required to maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to remain in the program.

Enrolment is limited to 20 students per cohort.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To meet MBA in CED [Standard Admission Requirements](#) a bachelor's degree from a recognized university is required. The application cannot be processed until all of the following documents and fee have been received:

- a completed application form, with a non-refundable application fee
- official transcripts for all previous academic study
- a resume detailing employment experience, skills, community involvement, and interests
- a 500-800 word statement on desire to enter the program
- three references, preferably including one professional and one academic
- satisfactory scores on the GMAT*
- satisfactory scores on the TOEFL/IELTS (for students whose native language is not English)
- satisfactory performance in an interview

Candidates who do not have an undergraduate degree, and show potential for success in graduate level study, may be admitted to the MBA in CED as a [non-traditional student](#). Outstanding career and/or volunteer experience are expected. The candidates will be assessed individually in such areas as experience and performance in a number of education/training courses.

Applicants must provide:

- a completed application form, with a non-refundable application fee
- proof of a minimum of three years experience in managerial/decision-making positions
- official copy of a high school diploma or equivalent academic credential
- official transcripts of completed academic work
- a resume detailing employment experience, skills, community involvement, and interests
- three references, preferably including one professional and one academic
- a four to six page essay outlining desire to enter the program, community involvement, and what can be offered to other students in the classroom
- satisfactory scores on the GMAT*
- satisfactory scores on the TOEFL/IELTS (for students whose native language is not English)
- satisfactory performance in an interview

Reference letters must be originals, sent directly by the referees. Only official transcripts sent by the Registrar of the issuing institution will be accepted. The Educational Testing Service must forward GMAT and TOEFL/IELTS score reports. Photocopies of any of these documents will not be accepted.

* Satisfactory scores on the GMAT or high communication and analytical skills evidenced by B+ academic performance in an accredited North American degree program that included both qualitative and quantitative subjects. Senior, experienced managers, who completed their primary and secondary education in Canada and show potential for success in a graduate program, may also qualify for a GMAT waiver.

ADVANCED STANDING

The MBA in CED maximizes accessibility to graduate education through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). Recognition of past learning and career knowledge and skills through PLA are assessed on an individual basis.

DELIVERY

Courses will be delivered on alternate weekends, in face-to-face classes on site in the Saskatoon area, and other locations depending on demand. All courses will be delivered on-site in Saskatchewan and students do not have to attend any core courses at CBU's main campus.

Weekend Format

Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Learners can complete all courses over 22 months by attending classes in Saskatchewan on alternate weekends. Learners who miss a course have the option to take the course at CBU's campus in Cape Breton over two weeks in July.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Each course is 3 credits.

MBAC 5101 Business and Community Development I

Provides the theoretical and philosophical foundations of community economic development, identifying business as a way of achieving an enhanced quality of community life. Students are introduced to the language and concept of "Third Sector" structures such as community development corporations, worker-owned ventures, and similar initiatives.

MBAC 5103 Fundamentals of Accounting: Applications to CED

A combination of financial and managerial accounting themes designed particularly for those working in a CED environment. We next focus on accounting from a "manager's" decision-making point of view; that is, as a person interpreting rather than preparing these statements. Issues relating to cash flow management, budgeting and relevant costs will be discussed.

MBAC 5104 Fundamentals of Marketing: The CED Approach

The purpose of this course is to present the marketing dimensions as they apply to community and social organizations. It deals with both the strategic and tactical approaches to influencing behaviour in a wide range of key target markets, such as customers, clients, funding sources, policy makers, volunteers, the media and the organization's own staff. The community venture will be examined through the basic concept of the marketing mix.

MBAC 5105 Organizational Behaviour: Management and Policy-Making

The course presents the history, theory, models, and research in several topics in organization behaviour and organization design, including strategic human resource planning. Class discussions, exercises, and cases will be used to reinforce concepts and improve skills required in managing and motivating people.

MBAC 5107 Economic Geography and Development

Introduces students to the analytic tools that economic geographers use to measure and compare spatial variations in economic growth. The course describes the dominant economic mechanisms and processes of uneven development that produce global cities, peripheral regions, and regional economies. Students will employ this background to study the attributes of a depleted community and to assess its potential for economic recovery.

MBAC 6101 Business and Community Development II

This practical course will explore the relationship of business with the community, and the challenges and issues surrounding community-based business institutions. This topic will be explored through the assigned readings, case studies and class discussion. The course will seek to draw from theories of CED and the social economy and compare them to examples of how community business and CED gets implemented.

MBAC 6103 Fundamentals of Finance: Applications to CED

Provides students with a comprehensive body of knowledge concerning management of the firm's financial affairs. The course covers financial analysis and planning, valuation of assets, longterm capital budgeting and capital structure decisions, short-term investment and financing decisions, and tax principles influencing the organization's finance and investment decisions.

MBAC 6106 Community Organization and Leadership Training Techniques

The course uses a combination of lectures, discussions, cases and presentations to focus on leadership training techniques. It covers major issues in leadership, and presents practical techniques for implementation. Learners will be able to analyze typical leadership problems and develop options for solutions, including means for conflict resolution and mediation. Emphasis is placed on cultural and political differences in the conduct of community organization and leadership training, and their effect on outcomes.

MBAC 6107 Comparative Development

This course employs a comparative approach in the assessment of alternative development philosophies in both the North and South, especially those which attempt to define a sustainable community. It examines the influence of natural resources and governance on development, it synthesizes concepts of development, and it examines strategies used to formulate action plans to achieve sustainability in communities. Learners will become skilled in thinking globally and acting locally, and on using qualitative and quantitative indicators of sustainability.

MBAC 6118 Fundamentals of Venture Analysis: The CED Context

The course provides students with opportunities to apply knowledge acquired in prior experience and other business courses, in planning and developing a business venture. Students who complete this course will have a sound understanding of the process of developing a business plan, and will be able to evaluate business plans. The course will also attempt to explore the differences between traditional business practice and community economic development.

MBAC 6121 Applied Research Methods

This survey course will provide students with an understanding of varying approaches to applied research, including qualitative, quantitative, and ethnographic methods. Learners will be required to analyze critically the strengths and weaknesses of the methods. Participants will be encouraged to prepare their proposal for their major research essay and identify research methods appropriate to their research project.

MBAC 6124 International Business

This course focuses on the issues raised by doing business internationally. It examines the economic and financial environment, institutions and markets, and interrelationships of principal trade centres. It also discusses trade issues and strategic international management issues. The course is integrated across business functional areas.

MBAC 6125 Strategic Management

Introduces students to the basic concepts and methodologies used in crafting and executing business strategy. The course provides the student with the opportunity to apply knowledge garnered in previous courses and to integrate it. Will use the case method extensively and will focus on strategic decision making in the CED context.

MBAC Elective (can be substituted by the first and second course of a designated Option)

MBAC 6801 Applied Research Project

The applied research project will approach a problem in economic development in a holistic, multidisciplinary manner and will meet the highest academic standards. Students will ground their research in an existing or planned development initiative. A two person supervisory committee, drawn from different disciplines, will oversee the preparation of this project. There is no residency requirement for the research project, which will be completed off site. The applied research project must be completed within one calendar year.

OPTIONS

Students pursuing an Option would substitute the first course of the designated Option for the first MBAC Elective and the second course of the designated Option for the second MBAC Elective. MBAC 6801 Applied Research Project would build on courses within the Option.

First Nations Option:

MBAC 6209 Land Claims, Self-government and Planning for Community Economic Development in First Nations Communities

MBAC 6211 The Dynamics of Community Economic Development in Urban and Rural First Nations Communities

Peace-Building, Reconstruction and Good Governance Option:

MBAC 6215 Emergency Management

MBAC 6217 Conflict Resolution and Community Reconstruction

Strategic Leadership Option:

MBAC 6219 Social Dynamics of Leadership

MBAC 6233 Contemporary Topics: Change Management and Governance

International Business Option:

MBAC 6226 International Finance

MBAC 6228 International Marketing

Public Administration Option:

MBAC 6221 Public Policy

MBAC 6223 Government, Business and Third Sector Relations

Sustainability Option:

MBAC 6227 Environment, Energy, & the Economy: Strategies for Sustainable Futures

MBAC 6229 Sustainability Marketing

Marketing Option (2 courses):

MBAC 6205 Cultural Tourism Marketing

MBAC 6228 International Marketing

MBAC 6229 Sustainability Marketing

MBAC 6231 Marketing Strategy

Tourism Option:

MBAC 6205 Cultural Tourism Marketing

MBAC 6206 Tourism Management & Planning

2014- 2015 TUITION AND FEES (SASKATOON COHORTS)

Canadian and Landed Immigrants:

Tuition \$2016 (per 3 credit course)

Application Fee: \$88 (one-time, non-refundable fee)

Program Fee: \$427 (one-time, non-refundable fee)

"The MBA in CED is an affordable program. The versatile, small class approach allows you to directly shape and share the wealth of knowledge and experience from both faculty and students. It's providing me with a first-class management education and a unique life experience."

Linda Murray, MBA in CED '08
Director, Residential & Client Services
Ongwanada Hospital, Kingston, ON

"The onsite delivery over 22 months was extremely convenient allowing me to continue working full-time while pursuing my degree."

Kent McMann, MBA in CED '11
General Manager, Foam Lake Savings & Credit Union, SK

"The course material in the MBA in CED program has been extremely relevant to the work that I am currently doing and has certainly broadened my mind and my opportunities for the future. The sharpening of my skills in community economic development will serve as a valuable resource for the remainder of my working career and beyond."

Caroline McAuley, MBA in CED '09
Health Promotion Facilitator
East Central Health, AB

Enable Your Career

“The goal of Cape Breton University’s MBA in CED program is to develop a new generation of leaders who are skilled to make decisions that not only advance their organizations, but also affect positively the community and the environment”

George Karaphillis
Director, MBA in CED program

CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY & CED: AN IMPORTANT BLEND

Cape Breton University, since its inception, has held a consistent focus on the region’s economic and cultural growth. For many years, Cape Breton University has maintained:

- strong support for its CED expertise from community development organizations, local and federal government agencies; and
- an established national and international reputation in CED.

The strength of the School of Business and Cape Breton University’s strong community commitment make for a powerful combination of courses: ethics and values studies, communication and economic development.

The School of Business pursues affiliations with leading educational institutions to leverage partnerships across Canada and abroad to create significant joint opportunities for student education and faculty research.

Cape Breton University takes great pride in its special partnership with the peoples and cultures of an increasingly global community.

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