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Sheridan College launches first four-year degree

Sheridan College officials received final notification from their accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission, to begin offering a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree (BAS) in Management and Leadership. The program is open to all students and is designed for those who have earned an associate degree and want to advance their career path, as well as current and incoming students who want to pursue a four-year program.

“This program is ideal for busy adults who are trying to advance their career, increase their earning potential, or start a new business venture,” said Sheridan College President Walt Tribley. “It will really give students a leg up. They are connected to business and industry professionals right away, and they learn from instructors with years of experience.”

The four-year program is available fully online and offers students two specialized paths: Business or Industrial Technology. The Business emphasis is designed for those wanting to pursue management roles, improve existing business functions, and/or start a business. Students in the program will learn and apply the tools necessary to succeed in various professional environments. The Industrial Technology emphasis in the Management and Leadership BAS program is geared toward students who may have earned a certificate in career and technical trade areas or who have been working in applied fields such as agriculture, automotive or diesel, machining, construction, or welding.

Courses offered as part of the program include Conflict Management, Small Business Finance and Funding, Effective Communication for Managers, Strategic Planning and Decision Making, and other courses that focus on each student’s chosen emphasis.

“One of the special features of this degree is what we call experiential learning,” said Dr. Tribley.

“Students are connected with a local business or organization to help with a specific project or challenge and to have the opportunity to engage and dive a little deeper into that particular industry.”

This collaborative approach enables students to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom and practical business practices. Each student will receive over 200 hours of hands-on, real-world experience throughout the course of the bachelor's degree program, as well as opportunities for networking, internships, and future career opportunities, according to Kristine Mantey, SC Business Faculty.

“We are excited to add this opportunity for students at Sheridan College,” said Mantey. “We’ve created this opportunity for students in the hopes it can fit into their already busy lives.”

For more information, visit www.sheridan.edu/BAS or call 307-675-0550.

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About Sheridan College

Sheridan College is a comprehensive community college serving Sheridan and Johnson Counties in northern Wyoming