

UND launches online program for insurance- and securities-industry certification

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Program joins wide variety of other certificate programs, including real estate and food service certifications, offered by the University

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the UND website with the logo and links for INFO FOR, LOGINS, DIRECTORY, and SEARCH. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for ACADEMICS, ADMISSIONS, STUDENT LIFE, RESEARCH, ATHLETICS, MAJORS & PROGRAMS, and ABOUT. A breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: Home / Academics / Development. On the left side, there is a vertical menu of certificate programs: OFFICE OF EXTENDED LEARNING, A.D. Banker Insurance Preclicensing, Dietary Managers (with a dropdown arrow), ND Real Estate Courses, Mortgage Loan Officer, Death Investigation Training, Human Resource Certification, Zschool Executive Programs, Promineo Tech, and Kaplan Test Preparation. The main content area features a large heading: "Office of Extended Learning Not for Credit Course Offerings". Below the heading is a green sub-heading: "Further your career, broaden your knowledge, or just take a course for fun." A paragraph of text follows: "The University of North Dakota offers a wide variety of non-academic courses for personal and professional development. And the best part? All courses are available online so you never have to travel or go to class at a set time!" At the bottom right of the text is a link that says "Open All".

The webpage of the Office of Extended Learning at UND offers links to all of the University’s extensive non-credit certificate programs. Click on the image to visit the site.

In a new partnership with A.D. Banker & Co., a company that has been helping candidates pass insurance and securities licensing exams for more than 40 years, UND now is offering continuing education units and pre-licensing education for those industries.

This partnership offers online education from a trusted and leading vendor within

insurance and securities education.

“As stated in the UND LEADS Strategic Plan, UND wants to ‘create more pathways for students of all ages, incomes and backgrounds to obtain certificates and degrees,’ ” said [Corey Klatt](#), coordinator of personal and professional development programs in the University’s Office of Extended Learning.

“That’s what this program is all about. We really want to give people the chance to learn the skills and get the certificates and licensing that they need to be successful in their careers.”

And knowing how hard it can be for working professionals to attend regularly scheduled classes, the University is offering online programs that people can pursue at their own pace, Klatt added.

Wide range of offerings

[The website of the Office of Extended Learning](#) lists, describes and links to each program. The programs include nutrition and food-service professional certifications, mortgage loan officer training, coding and data engineering bootcamps, Women in Leadership executive-education certificates and North Dakota real-estate courses, among other offerings.

These programs are available to UND students and non-students alike, and are designed to help either fast track individuals into the profession, or give them the chance to build and expand their knowledge.

All programs are 100 percent online.

In the latest partnership, UND has teamed up with A.D. Banker & Co. to offer classes for people who want to:

- Pass their state’s Life & Health, Property & Casualty, Adjuster and other insurance exams;
- Pass their Financial Industry Regulatory Authority or FINRA exams; or,
- Meet their state’s continuing education requirements for insurance and securities professionals.

‘Fast track into successful careers’

“Last year, for all of our classes, we had a total of about 1,200 students,” Klatt said.

“And we’ve had good feedback from students who’ve reached back and said, ‘These courses really helped me pass my exam.’ We’re doing our best to offer to the region quality education in ways that can really help fast-track people into successful careers.”

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