



# *Dakota School of Banking*

May 31 – June 5, 2026 • University of Jamestown • Jamestown ND

First-Year Information







## Dates

May 31 – June 5, 2026

First- and second-year classes meet during the same week.

## Location

University of Jamestown in Jamestown, ND.

Unruh and Sheldon Center for Business and Computer Science.



## Mission and History

One of North Dakota's longest-standing education traditions, Dakota School of Banking has graduated hundreds of bankers since its inception in 1974. Many of these graduates are now senior-level executives, serving as president or chief executive officers of banks large and small.

Through the use of highly-qualified instructors and a challenging curriculum, the Dakota School of Banking provides a multi-dimensional educational experience in banking. By completing two one-week summer sessions and intersession projects, students develop a range of skills to enhance current performance and qualify them for advancement.

The school is sponsored by North Dakota Bankers Association and endorsed by South Dakota Bankers Association.

## Benefits

**The Dakota School of Banking provides bankers with:**

- A comprehensive understanding of the connections between banking functions
- Increased knowledge and technical skills immediately applicable to daily responsibilities
- Ideas to increase personal productivity and improve bank performance and profits
- The opportunity to manage a successful financial institution through the BankExec simulation
- A network of peers to call on throughout one's career

## The Ideal Candidate

Employees at nearly every level can benefit from the Dakota School of Banking. Many DSB applicants have been identified as future leaders within their institutions. Dakota School of Banking candidates are often:

- Bankers looking for formal banking education
- Bankers in middle-management looking to advance their banking career
- Bankers looking to broaden their scope of expertise
- Banking business partners who want a better understanding of the industry.

The typical student body is made up of branch managers, commercial lenders, operations personnel, compliance officers, tellers, security officers and bank directors.

## Tuition

Registration fee includes tuition, lodging, most meals and materials. First-year fees are as follows:

	EARLY RATE	AFTER APR. 3
Member	\$1,645	\$1,745
Nonmember	\$2,095	\$2,195

Deduct \$175 if housing is not required.

## Admission Requirements

The Dakota School of Banking curriculum is designed for bankers with working knowledge and understanding of basic banking terms, concepts and processes. For admission, an applicant must:

- Be an officer or employee of a bank, an NDBA or SDBA associate member, or bank regulatory agency.
- Have a college degree and two years banking experience, or a high school diploma plus five years banking experience.
- Have coursework in Principles of Banking, Money and Banking and Accounting or have demonstrated knowledge in these areas.
- Be recommended by the bank's CEO, a senior officer or the employee's supervisor.

Applicants who do not meet these requirements must submit a letter from their nominating officer detailing the experience being substituted for these requirements.

## Application

Prospective students should complete the attached application and return it to NDBA with the registration fee.

### Send to:

North Dakota Bankers Association  
Attn: DSB Registration  
PO Box 1438  
Bismarck ND 58502-1438



For more information, contact:  
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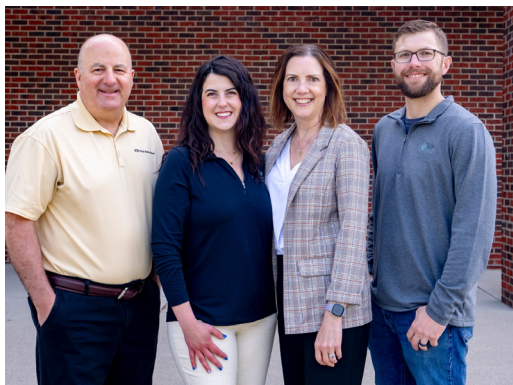
## Scholarship

To recognize excellence, the Dakota School of Banking offers a \$450 scholarship to be awarded to one first-year student from an NDBA or SDBA member bank. The scholarship is based on future goals in banking, leadership qualities and promise in the financial services industry. More information can be found at [ndba.com/professional-development/DakotaSchoolofBanking](http://ndba.com/professional-development/DakotaSchoolofBanking).

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**First-Year  
Course Highlights:**  
Banking Law  
Bank Financial Analysis I  
Human Resource Management  
Lending  
Macroeconomics  
Trust Services  
Presenting with Impact  
Risk Management  
Sales Management  
Cybersecurity

**Second-Year  
Course Highlights:**  
Asset/Liability Management  
Bank Financial Analysis II  
BankExec Simulation  
Bank Investments  
Liquidity and Capital Planning  
Management and Leadership  
Bank Reports and Exams  
Strategic Planning

## Curriculum

While the Dakota School of Banking is strong on history and tradition, the curriculum is constantly reviewed and updated by an advisory board of experienced bankers and instructors. And, with bankers serving as instructors, students have the opportunity to learn from successful individuals who live their subjects daily.

Courses are based on a two-year strategy: first-year courses provide a banking foundation and overview; second-year courses provide a practical application of concepts and incorporate a banking simulation. Classroom lectures, case studies, role-playing, a computer-based simulation, networking and teamwork activities enhance learning and promote student networking.

## Reinforce Financial Management Skills with the BankExec Simulation Program

During the second year, DSB students use BankExec to virtually run a mid-sized commercial bank. Exercises in asset/liability management, capital planning, gap analysis, accounting and taxes, marketing and resource allocation, forecasting and planning, economics, and the pricing of bank services, are reinforced by “what-if” scenarios that demonstrate the impact to the balance sheet of management’s decisions. BankExec® provides a bigger picture of the bank by having teams work together to:

- Run a virtual bank in a changing economic and regulatory environment
- Test pricing and funding decisions to see their impact on key indicators like net interest margin and stock price
- Learn how balance sheet structure influences profitability, including net interest margin and stock price
- See how decisions made in one area of the bank affect others

## Interession Projects

Between the first- and second-year sessions, DSB students complete two projects. The interession projects reinforce concepts learned during the on-campus session and allow students to analyze real-world banking situations. Students also complete two financial literacy presentations.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Afternoon Registration	Breakfast Offered 7:00 am – 8:00 am				
	Classes 8:00 am – 11:30 am	Classes 8:00 am – 11:30 am	Classes 8:00 am – 11:30 am	Classes 8:00 am – 11:30 am	Classes 8:00 am – 11:30 am
BankExec Intro (second-year)	Lunch				Graduation Luncheon 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  (All students are required to attend graduation.)
	Classes 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Classes 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Classes 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Classes 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm	
Welcome Dinner					
Dinner					
Evening Orientation Session		Evening Session		All-School Picnic	



## Top BankExec Team & Outstanding Banker Honor Awards

To reward exceptional achievement, the school administrative team chooses one student to be recognized as Outstanding Banker from the graduating class. Criteria for this designation includes: scholastic achievement during the two-year course of study, contribution to and participation in the class and overall personal contribution with the student body. The Outstanding Banker is announced at the graduation luncheon on Friday.

An award is also presented to the Top BankExec Team.

## Housing

DSB students stay on campus in student housing in private rooms, with two units connected by a shared bathroom. Rooms are air conditioned and conveniently located next to classroom buildings. On campus housing is strongly encouraged; however, it is not required. If you prefer to stay off campus, you are responsible for making your own accommodation arrangements.

## Meals

All meals, with the exception of two evening meals, are included in the tuition.

## Special Needs

If a disability or medical condition may affect your participation, please attach a brief letter describing any special needs. In addition, please advise if you have any special dietary needs.

## Attire

Business casual or casual. Sweaters, light jackets or removable layers are recommended.

## Class Size

Class size is limited to 35 students. Early application is recommended.

## Testing

In order to maintain a high standard of performance, brief quizzes are conducted after each class to provide important feedback concerning the student's progress. These quizzes also provide insight into the effectiveness of the instructors and course materials.

## Graduation Requirements

Completion of the two-year program is based on attending all classes, satisfactory performance in class discussions, quizzes, intersession projects and any other assignments. Graduates are issued a Dakota School of Banking diploma.

## Refund Policy

Refund minus \$200 will be made if requested 30 days prior to school. No refunds after that date, except for extenuating circumstances. Substitutions allowed.

## Evening Events

School begins with an opening dinner on Sunday night. There will be one evening session during the week and there is an all-school picnic on Thursday night.



*Take this opportunity to lead your bank into a new era in the banking industry!*





## Dakota School of Banking Faculty

The faculty is a blend of the best from the banking, professional, regulatory and academic worlds. Many faculty members have been associated with the program for many years. Faculty and courses are critically evaluated to ensure students receive the best possible professional education.

**Richard Beck**  
STAR Financial Bank (Retired)  
Fort Wayne IN  
*Lending*

**Matt Brase**  
Cornhusker Bank  
Lincoln NE  
*Bank Financial Analysis and  
Asset/Liability Management*

**Tom Capouch**  
First State Bank (Retired)  
Mayville ND  
*BankExec, Business Planning, Bank Financial  
Analysis II, Investments and Macroeconomics*

**Cody Delzer**  
SBS Cybersecurity  
Madison SD  
*Cybersecurity*

**Tracy Kennedy**  
Dakota Law Group  
Grand Forks ND  
*Banking Law*

**Katie Munion**  
Dale Carnegie Training  
Fargo ND  
*Presenting with Impact and Business Development*

**Carolene Severson**  
ND Department of  
Financial Institutions  
Bismarck ND  
*Bank Reports and Exams*

**Mary Locken**  
Bell Bank (retired)  
Fargo ND  
*Trust Services*

**Ann Rockwold**  
Eide Bailly LLP  
Fargo ND  
*Compliance*

**Jeremy Skoglund**  
Western State Bank  
West Fargo ND  
*Risk Management*

**Mark Stenson**  
Stenson Management Consulting  
Rochester MN  
*Effective Leadership*

## Dakota School of Banking Advisory Board

**Dorothy Lick**  
North Dakota Bankers Association, Bismarck

**Paige Bjornson**  
Dacotah Bank, Fargo

**Tom Capouch**  
First State Bank, Mayville

**Sue Fallner**  
Kindred State Bank, Kindred

**Gregg Gess**  
Wells Fargo Bank, Fargo

**Riley Griffin**  
Bank of North Dakota, Bismarck

**Halley Lee**  
South Dakota Bankers Association, Pierre SD

**Annie Ness**  
Bank Forward, Valley City

**Christie Huber Obenauer**  
Union State Bank, Hazen

**Gus Schlepp**  
First Western Bank, Fargo

**Jeremy Skoglund**  
Western State Bank, West Fargo

**Devon Smith**  
Bank of North Dakota, Bismarck

**Tom Stennes**  
BankNorth, Harwood

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