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EPCE and Excelsior College Add New Online MBA Programs for the Energy Industry

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The Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) and its education partner, Excelsior College, are pleased to announce the addition of online MBA degree options for the energy industry. To keep up with evolving energy industry needs, Excelsior has implemented an MBA degree, as well as MBA dual degree programs to prepare working professionals in the energy industry for leadership positions. EPCE-sponsored programs carry a stamp of approval from national employers ensuring that the skills and knowledge gained will directly apply to the job.

“The addition of these programs is instrumental to our success as an organization,” states Jim Auld, Director of External Training Initiatives for NextEra Energy and EPCE Governance Board Member. “As we continue to see more retirements, coupled with an ever-changing industry landscape, we are always looking for ways to groom the next generation of leaders for our company. These programs will help prepare our workforce to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.”

The online Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs offered by Excelsior College are designed to provide high-quality education to facilitate career advancement, especially for those looking to broaden their horizons within the energy industry. Degree concentrations include:

- Cybersecurity Management – Designed for those who want to earn a master’s degree related to skills and knowledge needed in the cybersecurity field.
- Leadership - Tailored towards individuals desiring to become successful leaders within an organization that demands innovation and creativity to succeed.
- Technology Management – Provides professionals with the technical knowledge and skills necessary for success in a leadership positions.

The MBA dual degree track program is designed to bridge components for professionals to easily transition from a Bachelor’s program to the MBA program and prepare them to leverage their technical skills to pursue leadership positions. Options include:

- BS Information Technology-MBA dual degree – Focuses on information technology and provides a streamlined path to blend technical skills and leadership skills.
- BS Nuclear Engineering Technology-MBA dual degree –Framed to increase academic understanding of nuclear engineering technology topics and broaden career horizons.

“Together, EPCE and Excelsior College are educating and training current energy employees, as well as future energy employees through a multitude of online programs specific to critical technical and leadership skills needed in the energy industry,” said Christine Carpenter, Director of EPCE. “This

partnership has a significant impact on educating and training thousands of employees from energy companies across the country.”

The Excelsior College School of Business & Technology is committed to preparing a skilled and credentialed workforce to support the increasing demand in the industry. Online programs are convenient and flexible for individuals who also maintain a full-time job or have other obligations. Excelsior College awards academic credit for accredited college coursework previously completed, including military and professional training, certifications, licenses, and exams, which can drastically reduce the time and cost to complete a degree. The college also offers a deferred tuition program for those utilizing employer tuition reimbursement or GI Bill benefits. Individuals can begin their chosen program anytime.

About EPCE

EPCE is a national alliance of energy providers and education institutions nationwide that delivers solutions to attract and engage the energy industry's workforce through quality online education. EPCE, was built to address the critical employment needs of the evolving utility industry. EPCE members, representing over two-thirds of the industry, champion industry needs in their joint efforts to develop and sponsor online curriculum with qualified accredited high schools, colleges, and universities. EPCE is a signature initiative of CAEL, the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (www.cael.org), an international non-profit organization with more than 40 years of experience in working with the public sector, private sector industries, and higher education institutions to ensure that adult students receive the most efficient training and education to occupy a meaningful professional place in a 21st century economy.

About Excelsior College

Excelsior College is a regionally accredited, nonprofit distance learning institution that focuses on removing obstacles to the educational goals of adult learners. Excelsior offers more efficient and affordable access to degree completion through multiple avenues; its own online courses and college-level proficiency examinations, and the acceptance in transfer of credit from other colleges and universities as well as recognized corporate and military training programs. Other degree programs offered include Nuclear Engineering Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, Information Technology, and Cybersecurity. Excelsior College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The Nuclear Engineering Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, and the Information Technology programs are ABET accredited. All of Excelsior College's academic programs are registered (i.e., approved) by the [New York State Education Department](#).