



National Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction *Bulletin*

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“Translating noncollegiate learning into college credit recommendations while increasing access to Higher Education for working adults”



Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is a leader in field-based and other distance-education degree programs. The nonprofit institution is

the sixth-largest independent university in the nation. Nova has four campuses and six Student Education Centers in Florida. It also has centers in Las Vegas, Jamaica and the Bahamas. NSU boasts some 90,000 graduates, and currently, more than 26,000 students are enrolled at the university, which offers associate, undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The Fischler School of Education and Human Services is one of the most dynamic elements of Nova Southeastern University, providing innovative programs in leadership, teaching and learning, human services and family studies, training and professional development, instructional technology and distance education, and communication sciences and disorders. Serving more than 14,000 students in some 55 cities and 30 states in the United States and almost 40 countries, NSU’s Fischler School of Education and Human Services is one of the largest schools of education at an accredited university (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).



The Fischler School began in 1972 with the first field-based doctoral programs in education. Currently, the Fischler School is a leader in distance education with more than 40,000 graduates. Almost all programs are offered via site-based, cluster-based, or

online in a manner that is convenient to a student’s work schedule or location.

NSU’s Fischler School is committed to the working professional. In addition to offering degrees and certificates, the school provides individuals with professional development training programs, and offers assistance with the development and implementation of school plans for improving instruction and professional development.

The Fischler School prides itself on offering students the chance to apply what they have learned in a manner that will change their lives and the world around them. The school’s ideas, approach, and programs inspire educators to inspire their students to move the world.

Reach Out to Adult Learners



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On the Road Again...

Cooperative Relationship with LOMA spans more than 30 years

In January, a two-day site visit to LOMA's headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia was an occasion to reflect on 33 years of successful collaboration between National PONSI and [LOMA](#), one of the world's most recognized and reputable professional education institutions. This visit marks the 15th time that National PONSI has evaluated LOMA's courses to establish or revalidate college credit recommendations.

Founded in 1924, LOMA is an international association that serves as the fulcrum for more than 1,200 insurance and financial services companies from over 80 countries to engage in research and educational activities to improve company operations. The educational arm of LOMA develops courses and publishes its own specialized or adapted textbooks and other resources, calling on academicians and professionals in the field for their input and review. LOMA offers more than a hundred courses in the U.S. and, increasingly, overseas, in life insurance, financial services, annuities, management, reinsurance, compliance, underwriting, and customer service, among other fields. Many of the courses leading to LOMA's professional designation programs have been evaluated and recommended for college credit by National PONSI. These courses and designations help participants earn the respect of colleagues throughout the industry. Partnered with the college credit recommendations, they also help participants earn college credit toward their degrees.



LOMA Representatives: Kevin Head, Bob Hartley, Miriam Orsina, Melanie Green, Julie Wooley and Mark Adel (l to r)

On average, nearly 70,000 proctored examinations are administered each year at member offices worldwide, which represent a large pool of potential college students. For those colleges and universities interested in these motivated students, please email Miriam Orsina at orsina@loma.org.

This present visit, which involved revalidating credit recommendations for previously evaluated courses, involved three different teams of faculty, representing the academic disciplines of Management and Marketing, Insurance, and Finance and Accounting.

Representing National PONSI on these evaluation teams were Professor Alexa North, Department of Management, University of West Georgia; Professor Sandra Thompson, Department of Education, Kennesaw State University (and the Department of Management, University of West Georgia); Professor Robert Hoyt, Department of Insurance, Legal Studies, and Real Estate, University of Georgia; Professor James Carson, College of Business, Florida State University; Professor Nancy Jay, Associate Professor of Finance, Mercer University; and Professor Atul Saxena, Professor of Finance, Georgia Gwinnett College.

Representing LOMA were Katherine Milligan, Vice President, Mark Adel, Robert Hartley, and Julie Wooley, Assistant Vice Presidents, Miriam Orsina and Melanie Green, Senior Associates, and Kevin Head, Assistant.



Did You Know...

- If someone calls you a "polymath," you should not be insulted. You're being called a person of great or varied learning!
(<http://www.daytimer.com/E-Talk/Educational-Trivia/0/False>)
- The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), located within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences, is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education. (<http://nces.ed.gov/>)
- In 2003, workers with bachelor's degrees earned a median of \$49,900. Those who had completed several years of college with no degree had median earnings of \$35,700, while those with a high school diploma averaged \$30,800.
(http://money.cnn.com/2005/10/17/pi/college/college_costs/index.htm)

Quotes of the Month...

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

Albert Einstein

"Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major...If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, if I can show somebody he is traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



National PONSI helps bridge the gap between industry and academia through its active involvement with both.



These Colleges and Universities have Profiles on our Website that Highlight the Special Degree Options and Services They Offer to Working Adults and Nontraditional Students

[Arkansas State University](#)
State University, AR

[Bethel University](#)
St. Paul, MN

[Biola University](#)
La Mirada, CA

[Briarcliffe College](#)
Bethpage, NY

[California Coast University](#)
Santa Ana, CA

[Central Michigan University](#)
Mt. Pleasant, MI

[Charter Oak State College](#)
New Britain, CT

[Chestnut Hill College](#)
Philadelphia, PA

[Chicago State University](#)
Chicago, IL

[Cleveland Institute of Electronics](#)
Cleveland, OH

[Columbia Southern University](#)
Orange Beach, AL

[Delaware County Community College](#)
Media, PA

[Dowling College](#)
Oakdale, NY

[Empire State College
\(State University of New York\)](#)
Saratoga Springs, NY

[Excelsior College](#)
Albany, NY

[Golden Gate University](#)
San Francisco, CA

[Immaculata University](#)
Immaculata, PA

[Indiana University](#)
Bloomington, IN

[LaRoche College](#)
Pittsburgh, PA

[Manhattan College](#)
Riverdale, NY

[Marian College of Fond Du Lac](#)
Fond Du Lac, WI

[Marist College](#)
Poughkeepsie, NY

[Mercy College](#)
Dobbs Ferry, NY

[Molloy College](#)
Rockville Centre, NY

[Monmouth University](#)
West Long Branch, NJ

[Montana State University-Billings](#)
Billings, MT

[Northeastern University School of Professional
and Continuing Studies](#)
Boston, MA

[Nova Southeastern University](#)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

[Nyack College](#)
Nyack, NY

[Oakland City University](#)
Oakland City, IN

[Saint Joseph's College of Maine](#)
Standish, ME

[Siena College](#)
Loudonville, NY

[Skidmore College - University Without Walls](#)
Saratoga Springs, NY

[Thomas Edison State College](#)
Trenton, NJ

[University of Baltimore](#)
Baltimore, MD

[University of New Orleans](#)
New Orleans, LA

[Upper Iowa University](#)
Fayette, IA

[Viterbo University](#)
La Crosse, WI

[Western International University](#)
Phoenix, AZ

[Western New England College](#)
Springfield, MA

[Wilmington College](#)
New Castle, DE

[World College](#)
Virginia Beach, VA

The Road Less Traveled

On a rare occasion this month, National PONSI staff was fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit the City of Albany's (NY) magnificent carillon, the first municipal carillon and one of just 116 concert class carillons in the U.S. Its 49 bells range in size from 11,200 lbs. to just 27 lbs. Each bell creates its own distinct sound. It is housed in a 202 foot tall tower designed by the architect H. H. Richardson.



City Hall from National PONSI's windows

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