

Education That **Builds On Experience** | Ben's Story



Ben H.'s bachelor's degree has served him well over the course of his career. It helped him land his first job, gave him the foundation to run his own business, and was among the qualifications he needed to get a management job at MGM Resorts in Las Vegas, where he has worked for more than a decade.

In recent years, however, he saw that many of his peers had advanced degrees. **It certainly couldn't hurt to earn an MBA, he thought.**

Here's what he liked about Capella's MBA FlexPath.

You can move fast—if that's what you want.

Almost immediately, Ben liked that he could advance quickly through the program. When he had extra time to concentrate on his studies, he could sprint ahead—but when his job was all consuming, he could pull back a bit and keep his life balanced.

You can draw on your on-the-job experience.

"My institutional background informs a lot of what I do in the program—when writing papers or looking for real-world examples for research, I find myself referring to situations I've encountered at MGM," he says. "Many of the assessments are geared toward learning more about the company you're working for."

You have to be self-motivated and resourceful—a reflection of life in the real world.

"A lot of the learning and understanding is up to you. You have to find a lot of online resources on your own," he says. "I think an educational model where you have to reach out and find stuff by yourself is good, because that's often what the business world is like."

You gain a deeper understanding from an advanced degree.

Ben says he never felt he couldn't advance because he lacked an MBA. But having one, he acknowledges, will surely open doors and give him more credibility among his peers. "Getting an MBA definitely helps me to check that box," he says. "But more important, I think, it gives me a wider of understanding of business in general."

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