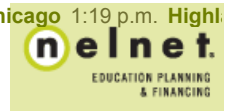




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<b>Message</b>	<p>60 million adults in America have a handful of college credits, but no bachelor's degree. Maybe school got too expensive, or their jobs made getting to class difficult, or life and family just needed to come first. It can be tough to make the time.</p> <p>Enter Smart Degree. In four easy steps, Smart Degree helps students prepare for and find the right school to earn the degree they've always wanted. And – the service comes at no cost to the student.</p> <p>As a company with education and professional development at the forefront, we don't just want to put this service out into the market – we want associates to benefit as well. Here's how it works.</p> <p><b>Meet Your Mentor</b></p> <p>When you register with Smart Degree, a mentor is assigned to work one on one with you. As your guide throughout your Smart Degree experience, your mentor helps you evaluate options related to degree programs that are right for you. Your mentor will help heighten your qualifications through assessments, making you more attractive in the Student Marketplace to complete your degree at a competitive price.</p> <p><b>Academic and Career Assessments</b></p> <p>Going back to school can be challenging – and even a little intimidating. Education and career assessments help prevent the need for remedial courses and align your education with your career goals. This sets you up for pre- and post-graduation success and saves you time and money along the way. Your mentor will work with you to determine next steps based on your results.</p> <p><b>General Education Courses</b></p> <p>Smart Degree gives you the option to complete regionally accredited, online general education courses, offered through Bellevue University in Omaha. Each term, these performance-based courses allow you to work at your own pace, finishing as quickly or as slowly as needed. You can work at your convenience without having to factor in the hassle of a school commute or a tight schedule. (You can also use <a href="#">Nelnet's tuition reimbursement program</a> to cover up to \$5,250 per year – contact <a href="#">PBServices</a> before you enroll!)</p> <p><b>Student Marketplace</b></p> <p>Schools are looking for students motivated to enroll in and finish a degree program, and the Student Marketplace is where schools compete for <i>you</i>. Interested schools review your anonymous student profile, determine if they are a good fit for your goals, and make you an enrollment offer that encompasses their best tuition price, discounts, credits that will transfer, and more. With all your options in one place, you can choose the degree program that's best for you. (Please note that Nelnet's <a href="#">tuition reimbursement program</a> reimburses costs that you incur, rather than an upfront payment; this is reimbursed on your paycheck.)</p> <p><b>Think Smart Degree Might be Right for You?</b></p> <p>Contact a mentor at 855.565.7151, or learn more and get started with your mentor at <a href="#">SmartDegree.com</a>. Keep your eye out for an informational webinar, coming soon!</p>

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