Five Questions You Need Answered to Achieve Work/Life/School Balance.
An education is an education, right? Not at Doane. At Doane, we understand that life, family and career come first—that’s why Doane offers flexible night and weekend classes that fit with your life. We make the time for your education, not the other way around. Attending college as a nontraditional student is personal - and an education at Doane is just that: personal. You’re a first name to us, not a number. We’re a reference for the job, a career coach, a life coach, a tutor and a mentor. We care that you succeed while attending Doane and long after you leave our doors.

We hope you find these five questions helpful when making the important decision to attend college as a non-traditional, graduate, transfer or online student.
How do students afford a college education here?

Why you need to ask: It’s a cold, hard fact that a college education isn’t cheap. All prospective college students face it. They weigh the pros and cons of paying for their college education at a state university, a private college or a university online. It’s not usually an easy answer. How much should I invest in my education?
At Doane: It’s not difficult at a private, liberal arts college like Doane because we make it affordable. Don’t be scared of the phrases “liberal arts” or “private college.” Doane will work with you to come up with payment options that work best for you—not Doane. Unlike other institutions, Doane doesn’t add on unnecessary fees just because you’re a student. You’re investing in your education and that’s exactly what you’ll pay for. And, you don’t have to start from zero. Our generous transfer policy allows us to accept credit from schools you attended in the past that will count toward your new program of choice and we award credit for military and life experience. No matter which path you chose in the past, it doesn’t mean that you can’t get credit for it at Doane.
How can I fit a college education into my already busy life?

Why you need to ask: You need a college that works for you, your schedule and your priorities. You need to know how college is going to be able to fit around your work schedule and family life.
At Doane: We know what it’s like to be a busy adult who’s trying to go to school. You might have a full-time job and a family that needs your time and attention. That’s why we offer classes at night, in the mornings and on the weekends to fit around your commitments.

Most classes at Doane meet once a week and are completed in just eight weeks. With five different start terms in the year, you can see how quickly you can get into class and start earning the credits and knowledge you need to succeed.
What are my options when it comes to where I learn?

Why you need to ask: You need an education that's flexible, and that usually starts with where you will take classes. Your education needs to have flexible options when it comes to where you’ll learn. Don’t settle for a program that doesn’t give you options.
At Doane: You can study at one of our three convenient locations in Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha. Don’t have time to make it to a physical class every week? Doane also offers all of its classes in a blended format of online and on-ground offerings.

Our Master of Arts in Management and Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction programs are now offered 100 percent online, so you can earn your master’s degree from anywhere with an internet connection. We’re constantly adding more programs to our online offerings.
What kind of relationship will I have with faculty and staff here?

Why you need to ask: There is something to be said for small-classroom learning. Ask yourself this question first: Will I learn more from the back of a lecture hall with 100 students or in classrooms where my instructors know my name? It’s simple logic. And you’ll want a college to tell you that you’re not just learning from great instructors. You’ll want them to tell you that you will actually know them.
At Doane: We’re committed to your success - both inside and outside the classroom. That’s why Doane has invested in services that are free to all students - services that help you land the career you want and help you succeed in the classroom. Faculty and staff want to understand the goals you are trying to achieve. If those goals are career oriented or goals to improve your everyday life, our Doane advisors and professors are here to help you every step of the way because most have been exactly where you are.
Bottom line, what will I learn here?

Why you need to ask: At the end of the day, this is what really matters. You chose college to learn something, so you could take that knowledge and pursue a better career. A school should focus on your education and what you hope to gain from it. Choose a college that invests in you as much as you invest in it.
At Doane: It starts with a liberal arts and sciences education that will change the way you think and prepare you for the modern world. It is fostered through outstanding student-faculty relationships and mentorship. It grows in a place where you can study and produce great work, while balancing your work life and your home life. It gets taken to the next level when you connect your education with the career you’ve been waiting for. It blends together into an education where you will have a personal attachment to everyone you meet and everything you do.

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