

# Postgraduate Diploma in Business Leadership

NQF 8 | SAQA ID 111899 | 120 CREDITS

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# The DaVinci

## BRAND PROMISE

### Dream

Influencing the co-creation of humane, sustainable societies.



### Purpose

Growing agile, aligned, and engaged managerial leaders.

### Brand Promise

Co-creating reality.





# About

## THE DAVINCI INSTITUTE

The DaVinci Institute for Technology Management (PTY) Ltd. offers online distance education with a unique focus on the Management of Technology, Management of Innovation, Management of People, and Systems Thinking in all its offerings. At The DaVinci Institute you will have a bespoke learning experience and can study anywhere and at any time.

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The DaVinci Institute prepares managerial leaders for the 5th Industrial Revolution and ensures a business enhancement in any work context, by probing real business-based problems through business-driven action learning. The DaVinci Institute uses TIPS® in all its qualifications. This is a trade marked business enhancement framework for managerial leadership, focused on a systemic approach to the Management of Technology, Innovation, and People. The TIPS Managerial Leadership Framework has been applied by hundreds of successful emerging, small, medium, and large enterprises, through their participation in the tt100 business innovation awards, which DaVinci has been involved with for many years.

## IMAGINE WHAT IT CAN DO FOR YOUR BUSINESS AND YOUR CAREER

The DaVinci Institute was founded on the principles of Mode 2 knowledge production. While this approach has evolved beyond its original conception, The DaVinci Institute continues to embrace the spirit of Mode 2, which ushered in the 4th industrial revolution, and by establishing an innovation value chain with an ever-growing number of stakeholders. This ensures a focus on the creation of knowledge that is transdisciplinary in nature, socially relevant, and actively promotes diversity and heterogeneity. The intention of Mode 2 is to apply situated learning, problem-probing, and decision-making to solve work-based challenges and contribute to the professional development of students and the teams that they lead.

# Overview of

## THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

The Postgraduate Diploma in Business Leadership will deepen your knowledge in the Business Leadership field. The qualification is aimed at professionals who wish to undertake reflection and development by means of a systematic survey of contemporary thinking, as well as engage in the practices and research methods in the Business Leadership field.

The qualification aims to involve students in the constructs, theories, tools, and concepts of the Business Leadership field. This qualification requires students to relate their Business Leadership knowledge to a range of contexts in order to undertake professional and highly-skilled work.

To this end, the student will be required to undertake business research to deepen their understanding and application of Business Leadership knowledge, skills, and capabilities. Students who attain this qualification should contribute to the personal, social and economic development of the country and should advance the sustainability of business ventures. The qualification also offers access into related Master's degrees.

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*"I am a current DaVinci Postgraduate Diploma student and am proud and inspired by this experience. For this academic process with DaVinci has taught me a lot, so far, especially about how to systemically and strategically transform and transition into different leadership-styles. In addition, and most importantly, I am learning about being a managerial leader. One of the greatest takeaways from this experience will, hopefully, be recognition of the need for leaders to lift others in the process as they rise. Upon completing my academic journey, this will see me become such a leader in business, and in broader society."*

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**Anthony Letsoalo-Mphogo**

Postgraduate Diploma Student



# Delivery of the Programme

The mode of delivery is online distance education with online learning engagements that utilise a wide range of teaching and learning methodologies and digital support. You can study anywhere at any time.

## WHY REGISTER FOR THIS PROGRAMME?

You will enjoy the following benefits:

**01**

Business-driven action learning that is contextual learning applicable to business and creative probing of complex problems.

**02**

Your pathway into a Master's degree.

**03**

Apply research processes that integrate with business contexts related strategies.

**04**

Learning engagements are aligned to emerging market realities and related strategies.

**05**

Lessons are facilitated by academic and industry experts so you build academic and business networks.

**06**

Content promotes awareness of the benefits of being entrepreneurial.

**07**

TIPS is a unique business enhancement framework for managerial leaders incorporated into this programme.

**08**

Agile and co-created schedules, study anywhere and at any time.

**09**

Online distance learning, using a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning engagements.

**10**

Bespoke experience and continuous student support.

# Programme Structure

Min: 1 year  
Max: 2 years

## COMPULSORY MODULES

- Business Leadership: **20 Credits**
- Financial Management: **20 Credits**
- Business Research: **20 Credits**
- Strategic Management: **20 Credits**
- Technology and Information Management: **20 Credits**

## ELECTIVE MODULES

Students are required to select any one of the following elective modules.

- Business Innovation Management: **20 Credits**
- Dynamic Cyber Attack Management: **20 Credits**
- Marketing Management: **20 Credits**
- Operations Management: **20 Credits**
- Project Management: **20 Credits**
- Retail Management: **20 Credits**
- Risk-Based Integrated Management: **20 Credits**
- Supply Chain Management: **20 Credits**
- Strategic Digital Transformation Management: **20 Credits**

The Postgraduate Diploma in Business Leadership consists of 100 credits of compulsory modules, and an elective of 20 credits. The total credits for the Postgraduate Diploma in Business Leadership (NQF 8) is 120 credits.



## MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor Degree at NQF Level 7.
- **or**
- An Advanced Diploma at NQF Level 7.

## RULES OF COMBINATION

To qualify for the awarding of this qualification, students are required to successfully complete all compulsory modules with a combined value of 100 credits and one elective Module with a value of 20 credits.

## PRE-REQUISITES FOR ENTRY TO THE BUSINESS RESEARCH MODULE

Before attempting the Business Research module, students are required to successfully complete all core modules and one selected elective module.

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

Candidates who do not meet the minimum entry requirements for the programme, could potentially enter the programme via the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) route.

The candidate must demonstrate suitability for admission as per The Institutional RPL policy and is at the Senate's discretion on a case-by-case basis. For more details contact the Registrar on (+27) 11 608 1331 or [admissions@davinci.ac.za](mailto:admissions@davinci.ac.za). Candidates requesting RPL for access must do so before commencement of the programme. Not more than 10% of a cohort in an academic year may be admitted via RPL.

# Application Process

The application fee for the Postgraduate Diploma programme is R350 (non-refundable). Kindly ensure that you have the following documents ready before starting your application:

- A clear copy of your ID or Passport.
- A clear copy of your school leaving certificate.
- If your highest achieved qualification is from a foreign institution, an official letter from the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) noting the equivalence to a registered South African qualification.
- Should your Graduation Certificate be in a foreign language, a translation in English is required from a registered Translator.
- Your current CV.

# Enrol Now

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