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Taught by distinguished researcher David Dilts, this program will help you revolutionize your operations and business results by finding opportunities for increased efficiencies and effectiveness. Uncover and understand your current processes, and learn how to transform them into competitive weapons by making them leaner, faster, more focused, more flexible and of higher quality.

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Taught by marketing and brand management expert Steve Hoeffler, this program explores fundamental concepts of marketing and teaches key skills and tools that will help you make key marketing decisions, such as how to position a product and which audiences to target. Whether you are the one who develops strategic marketing campaigns or you simply need a clearer grasp of how to assist in your organization’s marketing strategy, this program will make you a more effective manager.

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Taught by renowned innovation author and Vanderbilt professor David A. Owens, this program shows how to create a culture and a process for nurturing strategic, business-building innovation by overcoming the internal and external forces that stifle innovation in organizations. Discover the strategic advantage of innovating in a practical and systematic way.
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Here are just a few of the things that you will learn.

**Achieving Operational Excellence**
- How to understand what’s really going on in your operations
- How to identify opportunities to reduce waste and increase your value/cost ratio
- How to transform these operating processes into a strategic competitive advantage
- Best practice tactics to align your operations strategy with your target market, core competencies and business goals

**Finance & Accounting for Non-Financial Managers**
- How to assess and recognize financial risks in advance
- Interpreting the financial strength of a product line, division or company
- Methods for identifying factors that improve your cash cycle
- Evaluating and choosing investment projects that maximize company value

**Marketing for Strategic Growth**
- How to build, revitalize or extend a brand
- Frameworks to help make better marketing decisions
- Using analytics and company data to make more informed choices
- Identify and decide which market segments to target with product launches

**Strategic Innovation**
- Proven strategies for generating, assessing and implementing ideas
- Strategies for building a culture that makes innovation an everyday part of your organization
- How to overcome the barriers to innovation

**Who Should Attend**
- Managers of all levels and all functions
- Directors, board members and rising executives
- Entrepreneurs and small business owners

**Cost**
$8,000
Cost includes tuition for all four programs, instructional materials, continental breakfast and lunch (all days).

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