

RBA *today*

YOUR DEGREE –
your way.

The RBA program is a unique, flexible way to earn your bachelor's degree — *on your schedule* and with your own personal goals in mind.



To learn more, visit www.cfwv.com/rba-today.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an RBA degree?

RBA stands for Regents Bachelor of Arts. The RBA is a bachelor's degree program designed to fit the needs of adult students — particularly those who already have work and family commitments.

How is RBA Today different from the RBA degree?

The Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) is a degree program, while RBA Today represents a commitment made by some of the state's colleges and universities to provide more options and greater support for students in the RBA program. In other words, many adult students may be able to earn an RBA degree more quickly and easily, thanks to the additional course options and personalized support institutions are now providing as part of the RBA Today initiative.

Who can enroll in the RBA program?

Students who have earned a high school diploma (or a GED) and who have been out of high school for four years or more can pursue an RBA.

Are there financial aid programs for RBA students?

There are many ways for adult students to pay for college. Students should begin by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which can help secure federal and state funding, including grants and loans. To learn more, visit www.cfwv.com.

I'm interested...where do I begin?

Many colleges and universities in West Virginia are part of the RBA Today initiative. To find a program that fits you, visit www.cfwv.com.



RBA Today offers adult students more choices and greater flexibility. So you can earn your RBA degree and change your life — without having to rearrange your life.

"I love the flexibility the RBA degree offers. I juggle work, kids, and family and community responsibilities, but I've been able to go back to school to earn a degree that will help me achieve my professional — and personal — goals."

- *Tammy Harper, RBA student*

"After 29 years as a steel worker, I had the 'opportunity' to lose my job. It was a chance for me to redefine myself. I enrolled full-time in the RBA program, graduated from West Liberty University and started a new life — one that I truly enjoy."

- *Billy Niesslein, RBA graduate*



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Life can be challenging and even hectic, but you don't have to put your career and educational goals on hold.

The Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) program helps you work around life's challenges so you can earn a bachelor's degree.

And now, the RBA degree is even better. Many colleges and universities in West Virginia are offering an enhanced version of the program through an initiative called RBA Today. RBA Today offers adults flexibility and choices, including:

- classes that are compressed into shorter time frames,
- the option to receive credit for life and work experience, and
- the ability to take online, evening and weekend classes.

From the beginning, you will receive assistance from an RBA professional who will help you create a plan to achieve your goals and obtain your degree! The program is perfect for adults who have completed some college classes, because credits you have earned in the past can often count toward your degree — even if you have been out of school for a long time. You may even be able to count some of the knowledge you've gained from work and life experiences toward college credit.

Thanks to RBA Today, there's never been a better time to go back to school. But you've got to take the first step.

Visit www.cfww.com to get started.

