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The mission of Van Education Center (VanEd) is to create quality, distance learning education courses for real estate and appraisal that meet the needs of students and the requirements of the real estate and appraisal industries. A goal of VanEd is to help real estate licensees and appraisers maintain professional competency in order to protect the public interest.



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I. School Ownership and Faculty

Van Education LLC ("the School") is operated by Burton Lee and Jay Hilty, managing members. Real estate instructors are available for questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. MST except for those days that land on a federal, state, or religious holiday. Real estate course enrollment and course registration are accomplished via the Internet at <http://www.vaned.com>. Questions should be sent to info@vaned.com and shall be answered as promptly as possible but, no later than the next business day. VanEd offers real estate courses that meet the requirements of the Nebraska Real Estate Commission and the standards set forth by ARELLO®/IDECC for Distance Education Certification. At present, the School offers real estate coursework for new applicants to meet education requirements for a real estate salesperson or broker license and for current licensees to meet continuing education (CE) requirements to maintain a license.

Van Education Center courses meet the requirements for courses provided in a distance education format and are approved by the Nebraska Real Estate Commission (NREC).

II. Fees and Enrollment

No salesperson's license shall be issued to any person who has not attained the age of nineteen years. No salesperson's license shall be issued to any person who is not a high school graduate or the holder of a certificate of high school equivalency.

The tuition for the 60-hour Salesperson Pre-license program for Nebraska consists of the following courses:

- 30 hours of Principles of Real Estate, (required) **AND**
- 30 hours of Nebraska License Law, **OR** (one of the following):

1. 30 hours of Real Estate Finance
2. 30 hours of Property Management in Nebraska
3. 30 hours of Real Estate Appraisal for Nebraska Real Estate
4. 30 hours of Nebraska Real Estate Investments

Tuition for the real estate licensing course varies by course of study and may be paid by check, Visa, Mastercard or Discover. A \$30.00 service charge will be assessed upon the return of any check.

The full tuition includes the VanEd School Workbook (printed copy), the Nebraska Real Estate Commission Manual (online access) and the following textbook:

Modern Real Estate Practice, 20th ed. by Galaty, Allaway & Kyle

Individual courses and course packages are available. The same and additional texts are an option with individual courses where applicable:

Essentials of Real Estate Finance, 14th ed. by David Sirota, PhD

The tuition for online Pre-license Courses & Exam Preparation in Nebraska are as follows*:

- 60-hour Online Real Estate Salesperson Licensing Package - \$390
- 180-hour Online Nebraska Complete Broker Licensing Package - \$1099
- 30-hour Principles of Real Estate in Nebraska - \$195
- 30-hour Real Estate Finance - \$195
- 30-hour Property Management in Nebraska - \$195
- 30-hour Nebraska License Law - \$195
- 30-hour Real Estate Appraisal for Nebraska Real Estate - \$195
- 30-hour Nebraska Real Estate Investments - \$195
- Nebraska Real Estate Exam Prep Package - \$99 (no credit)
- Real Estate Exam Prep (General) - \$59 (no credit)
- Nebraska Specific Real Estate Exam Prep - \$59 (no credit)

***Always confirm with The Real Estate Commission what qualifying courses you need to take if you've been previously license and/or are currently licensed in another state.**

In the event Van Education Center offers personal instruction in the future, there will be no additional cost for those students who wish to participate that have been previously enrolled.

Shipping

The Modern Real Estate Practice (MREP), 20th ed. by Galaty, Allaway & Kyle textbook introduces core industry concepts in a clear manner. Facilitates gaining solid foundation needed to succeed in modern real estate.

Shipping of the MREP textbook is included with the cost of any applicable pre-license package. Students must provide correct and current shipping address as costs of lost books and/or shipping are not refundable. Accompanying textbooks or optional workbooks (when applicable) may be purchased for an additional fee.



VanEd reserves the right to charge additional shipping fees ONLY if the original package is returned. Failure of the student to provide the correct/current address may result in additional return shipping fees.

III. Grading & Attendance Policy

Students must pass, within a period of one year from the date of purchase, various course practice exams and complete all final exams that correspond with the courses. The student must receive at least a passing score in each course as per the requirements of the Nebraska Real Estate Commission or Van Education Center. The exams are taken online with the grades being posted immediately. In the event a student does not pass, the student may take additional final exams.

Since the course is offered through distance learning (individualized instruction method), students can work at their own pace. However, to ensure that the student is actually accomplishing the work, a minimum standard is required (see Refund Policy, below). The recommended coursework schedule is based on the student studying at least 12 – 15 hours a week, with all courses being completed within 4-5 weeks (salesperson) and 5-10 (broker).

The School shall maintain a Student Progress Report on each student showing the enrollment date, commencement date, date received "completion statement," date when each exam was taken and scores given. The student, upon request, will be given a copy of his/her progress report.

IV. Refund Policy

General Refund Provisions

1. To receive a refund, any textbook provided by the School must be returned at the student's expense. Refunds will be issued when the School receives the textbook, provided it is in its original condition as determined solely by the School. Failure to return the textbook, or returning a textbook in unsuitable condition, will result in a reduction in the refund amount.
2. There shall be a full refund of payment if the School terminates a student enrollment per Section V below, subject to the book return provision. There shall be a full refund of all money paid if the applicant is not accepted by the School.
3. For all School programs and courses, students may request a full refund within three (3) calendar days after payment is received. The refund amount may be reduced subject to the textbook return provision.
4. There shall be a full refund of payment in the event the School discontinues a course / program before the student could have reasonably completed the course / program, subject to the book return provision.
5. Should the School cease to operate, students shall receive a full refund for any course for which the student is not entitled to a Certificate of Completion.
6. The School will consider requests to transfer a course registration to another student provided that a Certificate of Completion has not been issued. The student will be assessed a \$100 administrative fee. All transfers will be irrevocable.

The School does not recognize any postponement of starting date relative to the students' right to receive a refund.

Program Specific Refund Provisions:

Course Packages

Beyond three (3) calendar days from the payment date, student will be due a full refund minus a 25% administrative fee will be deducted from any refund. Refund amounts are calculated daily on a straight-line basis until the refund amount reaches "0" on the 60th day after payment is received. An example is shown below for a \$390 payment:

Refund Table Upon Student Withdrawal/Termination	
0-3 days from enrollment	No fee, full refund (\$390.00)
Day 4	25% admin fee (-\$97.50) \$292.50 refund
Within first 10% of program or within 10 days from enrollment	90% less admin fee, \$263.25 refund
After 10% but within first 25% of program or within 24 days from enrollment	75% less admin fee, \$219.38 refund
After 25% but within first 50% of program or within 45 days from enrollment	50% less admin fee, \$146.25 refund
After 50% but within first 75% of program or within 59 days from enrollment	25% less admin fee, \$73.13 refund
After 75% of program or after 60 days	No Refund

No refunds shall be given in the event that a course or package certificate has been issued.

Individual Courses

Beyond thirty (30) calendar days from the payment date, no refunds will be issued for individual course purchases except as provided in the General Provisions above. Refund amounts are calculated daily on a straight-line basis until the refund amount reaches "0" on the 30th day after payment is received. No refunds shall be given in the event that a course or package certificate has been issued.

All refunds shall be made within 30 days following a student’s withdrawal/termination.

V. Termination and Complaint Procedures

Students may have their enrollment terminated by the School for the following reasons:

1. Nonpayment of tuition
2. Student gives notice to the School to terminate
3. Disruptive behavior during personal instruction (if applicable).
4. The School, at its sole option, may terminate a student if it determines the student is not using the course material in the manner in which it was designed. If the School uses this option, the total fee shall be refunded, subject to the book return policy detailed above.
5. Students who have a complaint concerning the School should communicate with the School in an attempt to resolve the complaint. If no resolution is possible, the student may file their complaint with the Real Estate Commission of Nebraska. The Student may contact the Program Director of Private Postsecondary Career Schools at the Nebraska Department of Education, P.O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509, (402) 471-4825.

VI. Inactive Status (Readmission)

Students shall have one year in which to complete any course registered for, and must remain active within those course(s) and program(s). Students who wish to reactivate shall notify the School, providing such updated information as the School may request. There is a reactivation fee of 35% of original tuition and additional fees may apply should new printed materials be required.

For a student to reactivate, the student shall communicate with the School by email, or letter, stating the student's intent to pursue his or her real estate education. The student shall have 1 year from re-activation to complete the course work.

VII. Course Content

Goals

The goal of the School is twofold:

- 1). To prepare a non-licensed individual for the State of Nebraska real estate license exam by completing the Nebraska Real Estate Commission educational requirements and
- 2). To help prepare a non-licensed individual (and the newly licensed agent) for a career in real estate using The Van Education Study-Guide as a reference manual.

Upon completion of our course, the student will have a basic working knowledge of the real estate industry. The 60-hour and 180-hour course materials consist of the Van Education School Study-Guide (program appropriate), the reference book Modern Real Estate Practice, the Nebraska Real Estate Manual (online access), and 3-8 final exams (depending on the program and specific chosen courses).

Upon the successful completion of the final exams during the allotted time, the School shall provide the student a Certificate of Completion needed prior to completing the application for licensing. The certificate shall be provided within 2 weeks of receiving the final exam.

Previous Training

Credit for previous training and/or education will not be allowed unless approved by the Nebraska Real Estate Commission.

Transferability

The School does not guarantee the transferability of its credits to any other educational institution. It is solely up to the receiving school to determine whether credits will be accepted.

Placement Assistance

The School does not provide assistance or counseling for graduates in arranging interviews with real estate brokerages. The School will keep on file and make available to students, a list of real estate companies who are looking for new agents, if available.



VIII. Preparation for the State Examination

The State Real Estate Exam is administered by Applied Measurement Professionals (AMP) at 800-345-6559 or www.goamp.com. VanEd will provide proof of completion of the education requirement to the student. The student will submit an application for licensure, along with proof of their completion, to sit for the State exam to the Nebraska Real Estate Commission. After an applicant has submitted a completed application to sit for the examination and received notification of his/her eligibility from the Nebraska Real Estate Commission, the student will be required to pay the Nebraska Real Estate Commission an application and an exam fee. The applicant may then schedule an appointment to take the examination by calling the examination company. Applicants who pass the examination are required to submit their original score report to the Commission, with the picture intact, in order to obtain a license. Photocopies will not be accepted.