



SW Graduate  
School of Banking  
at **SMU Cox**

# EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION *for* BANKING LEADERS



*2026 Programs*

# Developing *dynamic leaders* for the future of banking



**SWGSB**  
at **SMU Cox**

Since 1957, the SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox (SWGSB) has equipped executives with learning that extends far beyond the classroom. SWGSB is a nationally recognized leader in banking and commercial lending education, bank management training, and bank director training programs.

Known for a rigorous curriculum and powerful professional network, SWGSB delivers immersive learning experiences that **empower community bankers in all positions, regulators, and aspiring, new, and experienced bank directors** to lead with confidence and impact in a dynamic industry.

SWGSB at SMU Cox continues to evolve its offerings to provide exceptional educational experiences as the nation's leading graduate school of banking.



# Join Us!

Welcome to the nation's leading graduate school of banking. In collaboration with the nationally ranked Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University, the SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox (SWGSB) provides executive education experiences that propel careers and strengthen organizations, communities, and the banking industry.

We have exciting plans for SWGSB in 2026. On these pages, you can read more about our flagship program that develops banking leaders over three consecutive summer sessions, our Commercial Lending School in partnership with Texas Bankers Association, and our bank director programs that take place on the SMU campus and at exciting venues across the country.

If you have any questions, please visit [swgsb.org](http://swgsb.org) or contact us at [info@swgsb.org](mailto:info@swgsb.org) or 214-768-2991.

Sincerely,

*William T. Chittenden*

William T. Chittenden, Ph.D.  
President and CEO  
SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox





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# *Graduate Banking School*

**MAY 26—JUNE 5, 2026 AT SMU COX  
DALLAS, TEXAS**

SWGSB *prepares future banking leaders for greater responsibility* with a cutting-edge curriculum, networking, team building, unique hands-on learning, and exceptional student-faculty ratio found only at SWGSB.

Emerging leaders and experienced financial professionals—including regional presidents, commercial loan officers, branch managers, credit analysts, cashiers, mortgage lenders, consumer lenders, operations officers, and state and federal regulators—gather each summer on the beautiful SMU campus for this nine-day leadership development program.

SWGSB provides a collaborative style of learning that empowers you to master leadership with sessions in three consecutive years. This proven approach is transformative executive education at the graduate level that changes the trajectory of careers.



# Advance Your Career with SWGSB!



**\$6,395/attendee**

Includes tuition, room and board, and all digital classroom materials for the 2026 session. Does not include a nonrefundable \$575 registration fee. All classes will be in person with networking breaks.

Apply now at [SWGSB.org/summer2026](https://www.swgsb.org/summer2026).

**THE SWGSB DIFFERENCE** *Programs you can only find here.*

## **BankCEO**

This proprietary bank simulation program is virtual learning at its best, providing a superior approach to acquiring bank management expertise. With interactive screens, displays that compare team performance, and instant results, BankCEO distills years of bank management expertise into a series of focused decisions.

## **Living Case Study**

This unique opportunity allows you to provide recommendations to a bank's management team. Highly rated by SWGSB students every year, Living Case Study is a powerful way to test drive leadership skills. Part of the curriculum every year, it allows students to experience three different banks during their time at SWGSB.

## **Merit Scholarships**

All Year 1 and Year 2 students who attend SWGSB are reviewed automatically for our merit scholarships, which are based on academic achievement and leadership criteria. These grants for our highest achievers are applied directly to tuition the following year.

## SIGNATURE LEARNING PROCESS

Designed by leading experts in the field, SWGSB's curriculum begins with core requirements that form a foundation, followed by case studies and management exercises designed to strengthen decision-making and leadership skills. You customize your SWGSB program with the elective choices to support your career goals.

### ***Year 1—Analytical Proficiency***

Focused on problem-solving skills, the first resident session lays the foundation for the overall program. Indispensable tools needed to measure performance, evaluate risk, and manage organizations are stressed.

### ***Year 2—Leadership Development***

Emphasis is on management of various functions, departments, products, and the overall bank with a focus on the macro environment and its impact on the industry and organizations. You will begin to tailor your program with career-enhancing electives.

### ***Intersession Assignments***

Following both Year 1 and Year 2, intersession assignments focus on applying the SWGSB curriculum to your institution and encourage and develop critical thinking.

### ***Year 3—Strategic Visioning***

In the final session you will master strategic planning, strategic risk management, visioning skills, and building lasting value for shareholders. An extensive selection of electives enables you to tailor your education to your career goals.



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Texas Bankers  
Association

# COMMERCIAL LENDING SCHOOL

APRIL 26–MAY 1, 2026 AT SMU COX

# Expert Training for Lenders of All Levels

The SWGSB Commercial Lending School in partnership with Texas Bankers Association is a transformative program *designed for both new and seasoned lending professionals* that provides the necessary knowledge and skills to successfully compete in the highly competitive commercial lending space.

## LEVEL 1

An introduction to lending, focusing on the critical topics that those new to credit need to jump start their careers.

### Topics Covered

Banking, the Economy, and Credit Outlook  
Credit Culture  
Financial Statement Analysis Overview and the Importance of Cash Flow  
Evaluating the Borrower's Business Strategy  
Bank Loan Simulation  
Underwriting the Loan Request  
Developing the Credit Memo  
Influential Client Conversations  
Presentation Skills for Loan Officers  
Commercial & Industrial Lending  
Small Business Banking  
Compliance

## LEVEL 2

More in-depth training on specific types of underwriting and portfolio management skills that help lenders advance into leadership positions. *Level 1 certification or demonstrable equivalent experience is required.*

### Topics Covered

Banking, the Economy, and Credit Outlook  
Bank Loan Simulation  
Credit Risk Management  
How to Craft Loan Covenants  
Is an AI Revolution Coming to Credit Risk Management?  
Lender Liability & Bankruptcy  
Global Cash Flow/Business Tax Return  
Real Estate Construction Lending  
Real Estate Valuations/Appraisal Issues  
Persuasion/Negotiation Skill Training  
Relationship Banking  
Specialized Lending: Energy, Asset-Based Lending, Agricultural  
Loan Participations, Opportunities, and Pitfalls  
Case Studies on Advanced Credit and Workout Credit  
Problem Loan Management/Workouts  
Stress Testing

Learn more and secure  
your spot at [www.swgsb.org/cls](http://www.swgsb.org/cls)

REGISTER TODAY!

**\$2,995/attende**e Includes tuition, instructional materials, and some meals for the 2026 session.

# ASSEMBLIES FOR BANK DIRECTORS

## *The Nation's Most Trusted Source for Bank Director Education*

The SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox Assemblies for Bank Directors are **designed for aspiring, new, and experienced bank directors, and those in a financial institution's C-suite**, delivering practical insight and high-level dialogue on today's most pressing banking issues.

Attendees from across the country gather at top-tier resort destinations such as **Napa Valley, Vail / Beaver Creek, Coeur d'Alene, Palm Beach, and Oahu** to address the latest issues affecting the industry. From nationally known authorities on corporate governance to leading experts on risk management, the assemblies provide the knowledge to execute board duties with confidence and intelligence. With regulators now requiring a full range of banking knowledge, you can rely on our assemblies to deliver programs of national interest, tailored to the unique duties and responsibilities of community bank directors.

*Directors who have attained the National Certified Community Bank Director's designation can be recertified by attending at least one SWGSB Assembly for Bank Directors every three years.*

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“SWGSB Assemblies for Bank Directors are valuable for aspiring and new bank directors to help them gain the knowledge and expertise to lead with clarity, conviction, and insight. They benefit experienced directors who want to hone their skills and learn from the experts about the latest topics of concern for banks.”

WILLIAM T. CHITTENDEN, PH.D.  
PRESIDENT AND CEO, SWGSB



# SEPTEMBER 3–6, 2026

## Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa Vail / Beaver Creek, Colorado

***\$1,995/attendee***

***\$395/guest attending social functions***

Fees include program materials, reception, breakfast, keynote lunch, and refreshment breaks. Hotel accommodations and travel not included. Group discounts are available for attendees from the same bank: \$1,745/each for third and additional directors. Program popularity will limit attendance.

**Learn more and register at**

**[www.swgsb.org/vail](http://www.swgsb.org/vail)**

***Upcoming!***  
***Vail / Beaver Creek, Colorado***  
***September 2026***



***Past Assemblies for Bank Directors***



***Turtle Bay, Oahu***  
***January 2026***



***Newport, Rhode Island***  
***September 2025***



***Palm Springs, California***  
***February 2025***



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The Nation's *Leader*  
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**NATIONAL CERTIFIED  
COMMUNITY BANK DIRECTOR'S PROGRAM**

**OCTOBER 19–21, 2026 AT SMU COX**

*Register at*  
[www.swgsb.org/nccbd](http://www.swgsb.org/nccbd)



# Outstanding Education for Bank Directors

The SW Graduate School of Banking at SMU Cox National Certified Community Bank Director's Program (NCCBD) is a comprehensive curriculum *designed for aspiring, new, and experienced bank directors* that addresses the foundations of bank directorship—from duties and responsibilities to board structures and processes.

NCCBD certification focuses on what makes boards and directors effective, as well as what is expected by regulators, examiners, and shareholders. Upon completion of the requirements, participants are awarded a certificate and can use the NCCBD designation.

## *Requirements for NCCBD Certification*

- Attend the three-day Level 1 NCCBD program presented by SWGSB at SMU Cox
- Attend the three-day Level 2 NCCBD program presented by SWGSB at SMU Cox

Level 1 and Level 2 programs run concurrently and cannot be attended in the same session.

## *Requirements for Recertification*

To maintain the NCCBD designation, directors must attend one SWGSB Assembly for Bank Directors every three years.

***\$1,695/attendee***

Fees include tuition, program materials, full breakfast, lunch, and beverages during breaks for the 2026 Level 1 or Level 2 session. Hotel and transportation are not included.





## *Experience the SWGSB Difference*

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