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# RAISING LEADERS & INNOVATORS

### **Our Vision**

To be a major Executive Development partner in equipping Leaders and Entrepreneurs with business and professional acumen needed for global business opportunities.

### **Our Mission**

To contribute to higher education and management development by providing business professionals with research capabilities and the opportunity to develop their knowledge-base and skills necessary to meet the challenges of Executive Management in the contemporary global economy.



## BCED DIGEST

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## BCED'S Leadership

Babcock Centre for Executive Development [BCED] is at the heart of part-time undergraduate education, and executive programs. Our commitment remains unwavering—to ensure that every student have access to quality education and mentorship.

Our vision and mission is not limited to providing academic knowledge; we build students into versatile professionals who embody integrity, resilience, and strategic insight. Our programs offer an interdisciplinary approach, blending theory with real-world applications, and providing students with hands-on experiences that addresses the evolving needs of modern industries. This framework is needed in a 21st century academic terrain that seeks to build students to thrive in an increasingly competitive and dynamic world. At BCED, Education goes beyond the classroom; it is a potent tool for transformation and empowerment.

Through our partnership and collaboration with renowned organizations, we provide specialized programs that align with specific demands of the current labour market and emerging fields in technology and finance. We are committed to an all-inclusive education model that affirms personal development, social responsibility, and service to the community. Together, we can create a transformative educational experience that empowers every student at BCED. We beckon on you to join us on this voyage of building and shaping leaders, disruptors and innovators.

In response to changing academic and societal needs, we are introducing new courses that reflect the evolving landscape of academic pursuit. These courses are designed to equip students with up-to-date skills and knowledge in emerging areas while maintaining the integrity and foundational strength of our department. As we move forward, we are hopeful for what the future holds as we support our students, and passionately raise future leaders.

**Ayodeji T. Ajibade (PhD)**

**Director, Babcock Centre for Executive Development (BCED).**

# OVERVIEW OF BABCOCK CENTRE FOR EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT (BCED)

The Babcock Centre for Executive Development (BCED), formerly known as Babcock Consulting Limited (BU Consult), was founded in 2010. It transitioned into its current form in January 2014, following a vote at the ADCOM meeting on December 19, 2013.



Under the pioneering leadership of the late Professor Samuel Alao, BCED began operations as a dedicated center for executive education and leadership development. In 2015, Professor Solomon Adebola assumed the leadership role, followed by Professor Johnson A. Egwakhe in 2016, who initiated part-time programs approved by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in 2017. Professor Ishola Rufus Akintoye then led BCED from November 2021 to May 2024.

Today Babcock Centre

Babcock Centre for Executive Development offers a world-class training in Business management, ICT, Education and Humanities, building competencies needed to stay relevant in today's dynamic global environment. In addition, the Centre handles youth and adult empowerment programmes designed to enhance the capability of people to function socially and economically in the wider society. From professional seminars and workshops to collaborative projects, we provide every BCED student with a transformative educational experience that empowers them to succeed. With a focus on lifelong learning and career advancement, BCED is your partner in achieving lasting professional success.



Director, Dr. Ayodeji Ajibade (centre), with the BCED members of staff.

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**Dr Ajibade addressing BCED lecturers at the BCED Conference in July, 2025.**





At BCED, we believe education is more than a credential; it's a tool for transformation, empowering each student to make a lasting impact. As such, we are committed to offering a blend of rigorous academic training, practical experience, and values-based education, with experienced faculty and access to resources tailored for flexible learning that prepares participants to excel in leadership roles.

Our three core program categories

- Undergraduate Part-Time Program
- Specialized MBA in Airline and Travels Management
- Specialized Executive Diploma in Church Administration

They each deliver targeted expertise and skills aligned with today's global market demands.



**Babcock Centre for Executive Development's 2025 Admission screening exercise.**

### **Conversion Programme (2 / 3 Years)**

The Conversion Programme is an intensive option tailored for students who have completed a higher diploma or equivalent qualification and wish to transition to a full degree. Depending on their prior qualifications, students can complete this program in as little as two to three years, making it ideal for professionals who aim to advance their careers quickly with a formal degree.

Available courses in the Undergraduate Part-time Program includes;

- B.Sc. Accounting
- B.Sc. Business Administration
- B.Sc. Computer Science
- B.Sc. Economics

- B.Sc. Finance
- B.Sc. Marketing
- B.Sc. Mass Communication
- B.Sc. Mathematics
- B.Sc. Political Science
- B.Sc. Public Administration
- B.Sc. Social Work
- B.Sc. Ed. Business Education
- B.Sc. Ed. Economics Education
- B.Ed. Educational Planning & Administration
- B.Ed. Guidance and Counselling
- B.A. Ed. English Education
- B.A. Christian Religious Studies
- B.A. English Studies
- B.A. French
- B.A. History & International Studies



**BCED 2025 GRADUATING SET (CLASS OF CHARIS)**

# NEW STUDENTS RESUME 2025/2026 ACADEMIC SESSION



At the Babcock Centre for Executive Development (BCED), we proudly welcome the newest members of our academic community, the 2025/2026 session Part-time Undergraduates.

Joining BCED is more than simply enrolling in a program; it is a commitment to excellence, personal growth, and the pursuit of knowledge that will open doors to both personal and professional success, and becoming part of a community that believes in collective growth and shared achievements.

Here at BCED, we provide a supportive and enriching environment tailored to meet the diverse need of students balancing their educational ambitions with professional and family responsibilities.

Our faculty comprises experts, seasoned academics, and mentors dedicated to helping our students succeed.

To all new students, the journey to excellence and meaningful achievements begins here. The path may be challenging, but every step is building a foundation for

future success. We are excited to see the unique contributions the new students will bring to the community and the accomplishments that lie ahead in the journey.

This is a new chapter of possibilities, growth, and success. At BCED, potential becomes a solid legacy!



Babcock Centre for Executive Development is a mix of academic rigour pursued with excellence and spiritual guidance.

Studying at Babcock University through the undergraduate part-time programme has been an amazing experience filled with ups and downs especially been away from home and family.

The University community provides a world-class learning environment and promotion of cultural diversity, so it was easy to connect with the people here.

Part of the highlight of my extra-curricular life as a student at Babcock was being a member of both Drama and Choir group. This opportunity made me to enrich my God-given ability while I was pursuing my degree. Not only this, I have ben able to sharpen my leadership skill through various platforms provided by BCED.

My candid advice to anyone considering to pursue a degree that is well-balanced and crafted for brilliant minds and future leaders, is to consider Babcock Centre for Executive Development (BCED). From updated curriculum to impeccable faculties to dedicated and God-fearing staff, the department stands at the centre of promoting access to quality education without any form of barrier.

**Bueriberi Benet Paciencia (Equitorial Guinea) on behalf of International students.**



*Sarafina Abdullahi, a current Mass Communication student at Babcock Centre for Executive Development excelled at Enactus National Competition and the 25<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of the organization in Victoria Island, Lagos.*

# HALL OF FAME



**Blessing Ukachukwu-Igwe,  
Department of Social Work.  
Overall Best Graduating Student  
(BCED)**

I joined the undergraduate part-time program because I have always desired to pursue a higher degree after I graduated from College of Health Sciences, Ijero-Ekiti where I studied Medical Laboratory Science.

However, this decision came with a lot of demands. I started the programme in 2020 with the intention of graduating well and not necessarily a First-class. In the duration of the programme, I got married, had two kids and also a full-time job. All of this demands tested my resolve to succeed but God sustained me. The support of faculties and mentors greatly helped me to finish well; Prof. Akufhaoi, Dr Akintayo, Prof. Olajuyigbe, Dr Azorundu, Prof. Rita Ezeokoli, Late (Mr) Fela Bright.

The leadership of BCED under Dr Ajibade has been impeccable and amazing which has increased the dexterity and productivity of the programme. He

came with a lot of innovation. There is no difference between the part-time programme and regular. We learn using 21<sup>st</sup> century approach.

Graduating with a CGPA 4.77 in a part-time with such a huge responsibility that I have is a great feat which I am grateful to God for. I want to beseech the current BCED students to be determined and to make a judicious use of the resources provided for them by BCED and the university management.

As I graduate from the part-time programme, I am hopeful for what the future holds as I intend to advance my studies by taking Master's and Ph.D. With this I seek to be a source of inspiration to every young person out there especially young women. I want them to know that nothing can impede their decision to succeed in life.



**First BCED Chartered  
Accountant, Opeyemi  
Ajenifuja.**