

Spring 2024

March 5, 2025, through April 16, 2024

Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Live at Sierra Commons

792 Searls Ave, Nevada City, CA 95959

Accountability Group: Wednesdays 12:00 – 1 PM

Online only

Graduation Party - April. 16, 2024

WEEK 1	Setting the Stage for Success
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Tuesday, March 5 6:00 – 7:30 PM Welcome, Logistics – Robert Wednesday, March 6 12:00 – 1:00 PM Accountability Group

Thursday, March 7 6:00 – 7:30 PM Core Values & Value Proposition – Robert

WEEK 2 Clarity and Focus

Tuesday, March 12 6:00 – 7:30 PM Your Brilliance in Action – Machen MacDonald

Wednesday, March 13 12:00 – 1:00 PM Accountability Group

Thursday, March 14 6:00 – 7:30 PM SMART Goals & Minimum Viable Product –Robert

WEEK 3 Building a Strong Foundation

Tuesday, March 19 6:00 – 7:30 PM Forming a Legal Entity– Panda Morgan

Wednesday, March 20 12:00 – 1:00 PM Accountability Group

Thursday, March 21 6:00 – 7:30 PM Business Models – Tim Yamauchi

WEEK 4 Finance and Law

Tuesday, March 26 6:00 – 7:30 PM Business Law – Mike Mapes

Wednesday, March 27 12:00 – 1:00 PM Accountability Group

Thursday, March 28 6:00 – 7:30 PM Finance Profit First – Ean Price Murphy

WEEK 5 Marketing Communications

Tuesday, April. 2 6:00 – 7:30 PM Web and Copywriting – Mike Mooers

Wednesday, April. 3 12:00 – 1:00 PM Accountability Group

Thursday, April. 4 6:00 – 7:30 PM Integrated Marketing Campaigns–Robert

WEEK 6 Pulling it All Together

Tuesday, April. 9 6:00 – 7:30 PM Pitch Fest – TBD panel of advisors

Wednesday, April. 10 12:00 – 1:00 PM Accountability Group

Thursday, April. 11 6:00 – 7:30 PM Three-Month Action Plan –Robert Trent

WEEK 7 Celebrate

Tuesday, April. 16 6:00 – 8:30 PM Graduation Party and Business Showcase!

ONE-TO-ONE ADVISING

Meeting with your SBDC advisor(s) is a core component of the course and is critical to your success. Advisors can help you refine your business strategy, create a business plan, navigate financing, and connect you with other valuable resources. Advisors can often help you avoid costly mistakes and accelerate your business growth.

LEAD INSTRUCTOR



Robert X Trent

As the founder and Executive Director of Sierra Commons, Robert has taught hundreds of entrepreneurs - helping them plan, launch, grow, and sell their businesses. With a broad understanding of what it takes for companies to survive and thrive, Robert brings his expertise to Ignitor students who are inspired to take their businesses to the next level. robert@sierracommons.org (530) 265 -8443

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