
Approved and excluded

After examination, the thesis was evaluated by the Examination Committee and deemed **APPROVED**, conferring upon the student the degree of Master of Science in Management. . .

(Eleven years later...)

The Coordinator of the Graduate Program hereby announces the final result, after the appeal process, in accordance with the aforementioned Call for Applications: **DOCTORAL DEGREE... APPROVED/Regular Student**

A dream fulfilled,
Me, PhD candidate — I once believed!
But now, what will it be?
Family, work, and study too —
All of it feels quite heavy,
Yet I'll find a way to see it through.

Hmm. . . a request for leave to start a PhD?
I didn't know that was your plan!
Congratulations! But here in accounting? No way, ma'am!

Reduced schedule?
Sorry, that's a no.
We'll move you to another team
A brand-new place to go.

Did you hear she's doing a PhD in Administration?
She only works twenty hours a week,
Good for her, I suppose,
But here in the office, it overwhelms the rest, so to speak.

Let's see, public servant,
Without strong academic achievement,
No, no, no — just another seeking better pay,
The so-called Incentive for Qualification,
No academic background to dazzle a supervisor to show her the way.

I need time and planning, deadlines to meet,
I need my health and I need to sleep.
I must take care, therapy, working out,
How's your heart, tell me about?
I support you, yet you ignore me,
Is there betrayal I should see?

Wake up! We're running late!
Mom, I got a warning, I arrived past the gate,
Learning difficulties, ADHD, Dyslexia,
What's the schedule today?
Speech therapy, tutoring, English, volleyball,
Holy Mary!!!

I'm feeling sick!
Lunch, dinner, cleaning, shower, lice,
Leisure and social life,
It's hectic, but I'm feeling fine!



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Job promotion? Maybe not.
She's a PhD candidate; it's complicated.

Wow, what a strong résumé!
So much experience and training displayed!
But what about the PhD?
How? She's married with three kids to raise?
In the department leadership, she won't fit at all,
Imagine the confusion if she takes the hall.

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I'll make it, I'll see it through,
I'm capable, I know what to do.
But when I'm approved,
What then will leave me excluded?

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