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University Center adds new programs for 2012

GRAYSLAKE –Three new programs were added to the University Center of Lake County for 2012 in action taken by the Center’s Governing Board at their December 7, 2011 meeting. Southern Illinois University Carbondale has added two undergraduate programs and Concordia University Chicago has added a graduate program.

Southern will begin recruiting immediately for a bachelor’s completion program in special education that leads to initial teaching certification as a Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBS1). They expect to identify an initial group of students who will start classes in the fall of 2012 at the Center’s Grayslake facility and will continue through the program together. The program also includes a certification-only option that enables current teachers to complete the coursework necessary to add the LBS1 certification in special education. By providing two options, the program can serve students completing the College of Lake County’s Associate of Arts in Teaching in Special Education and also serve alumni of the elementary education teaching certification program that Southern has been offered through the University Center since 2002. The program will also welcome others with the appropriate transfer coursework.

Southern will also begin recruiting immediately for their fully online Bachelor of Science in Business and Administration degree completion program. Through this program, students can earn the final sixty hours for a bachelor’s degree in business. This program breaks the curriculum into ten “Content Areas,” each of which includes two paired eight-week courses.

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This structure enables a part-time student to complete one Content Area per sixteen-week semester while taking one course at a time. Students who wish to accelerate their pace may enroll in a second Content Area per semester.

Concordia University Chicago is now offering through the University Center a Master of Arts in Educational Technology with a Type 10 Certification option and Technology Specialist Endorsement. They also offer a non-degree, endorsement-only option designed for teachers who already hold a master's degree. The program is for teachers who wish to continue building their skill at incorporating technology into their teaching to enhance their students' learning. It builds on the Graduate Certificate in Educational Technology that Concordia had already been offering through the Center and enables them to take advantage of the strong instructional technology available in the Center's Grayslake facility.

For information about these new programs or any of the 80+ academic programs offered through the University Center by its nineteen member universities, visit www.ucenter.org or call (847) 665-4000.

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