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Northwest Iowa Community College Partners with the University of Iowa to Provide Bachelor Degrees

Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) and the University of Iowa (UI) have partnered to bring UI coursework and degrees to NCC starting in fall 2011.

Students who complete their Associate in Science (AS), Associate of Applied Science (AAS), or Associate of Arts (AA) degree may continue their education by enrolling in a UI degree program. NCC graduates may choose from four degree options: the Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS), the Bachelor of Applied Studies (BAS) and the RN-BSN degree.

The partnership allows NCC students the option to pursue six different tracks within the Bachelor of Applied Studies degree. The six tracks are General Studies, Nonprofit Management Certificate, the Entrepreneurial Management Certificate, Human Relations, Political Science and Justice Studies. UI Division of Continuing Education advisors will visit NCC, as well as provide online support to help students plan a course of study and achieve their educational goals.

On July 14, UI President Sally Mason and NCC President Alethea Stubbe formalized this partnership during a signing ceremony that took place on the NCC campus.

Dr. Alethea Stubbe, President of Northwest Iowa Community college, stated, "This new partnership with University of Iowa will open new avenues for our students by making the transition to the university as seamless as possible. This will be of great benefit to students to begin their studies at Northwest Iowa Community College, and it will have a great economic benefit on all who live in our region. We are pleased the university is reaching out to Northwest Iowa and look forward to working with them to serve the educational needs of our area."

Dr. Sally Mason, President of the University of Iowa, commented, "I am here today for something very special. The partnership between the University of Iowa and Northwest Iowa Community College is a significant opportunity to provide northwest Iowans a better way of life. This partnership is something necessary for education today. It is very important to provide educational opportunities for Iowans in an affordable and accessible way."

"This partnership extends the reach of the university and provides the opportunity for students from across the state to earn a Big Ten degree," Chet Rzonca, dean of the UI Division of Continuing Education, said.

"A lot of people who graduate at community colleges become place-bound," Rzonca said. "They are not about to pick up their roots and come to Iowa City and so the program allows more people to continue on their path for higher education, making them more competitive in the job market." For more information, please go to www.hawkeyedegree-ncc.com.