

Master of Public Management, B.S. in Secondary Education approved

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KOKOMO, Ind.—Indiana University Kokomo will begin offering two new degree programs in fall 2007—the Master of Public Management (M.P.M.) and the Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education approved both programs on March 9.

The Master of Public Management will prepare graduates for senior management careers in government service, nonprofit administration, or business public service, said Robert Dibie, Ph.D., assistant dean of IU Kokomo’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA).

“SPEA is already offering several of the public affairs courses required for the M.P.M. as a part of its Graduate Certificate in Public Management,” Dibie said. “The addition of the M.P.M. will serve clearly identified interests of mid-career practitioners wanting to advance into executive ranks.” The 36-credit-hour curriculum will emphasize human service management, public sector management, policy analysis, and program evaluation skills.

The B.S. in Secondary Education is designed for those students wanting to teach at the junior high/middle school and/or high school level (grades 5–12). Graduates will be eligible for a license to teach any two core subject areas—English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies—at the junior high/middle school level (grades 5–9) and/or any one of the core subject areas or Fine Arts/Visual Arts at the secondary level (grades 5–12). Dean of the Division of Education D. Antonio Cantu, Ph.D., commended Professor Julie Saam, Ph.D., secondary education program coordinator, for drafting “a model baccalaureate secondary education program for the state.”

“This claim was most recently supported,” he added, “by the approved secondary education articulation agreement between Ivy Tech and IU Kokomo, in which Dr. Saam once again served as the chief architect.”

Saam said the new baccalaureate degree program is important for the region. “The B.S. in Secondary Education program will provide more qualified teachers for the region in grades 5–12 and will reduce the need for teachers to teach out of their expertise area on emergency licenses. This is a win-win for IU Kokomo and the school districts of north central Indiana.”

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