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New master's program focuses on health management

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KOKOMO, Ind. – A new graduate program at Indiana University Kokomo will help move business professionals to the next executive level in the health care industry – a much needed education concentration in north central Indiana.

The Master of Public Management (M.P.M.) with a specialty in health administration cohort begins this spring semester and is offered through the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA).

"This new graduate concentration in health management is only one of a series of new programs that we are developing to respond to the challenge the Chancellor has presented to the campus to meet the needs of our region," said Sue Sciame-Giesecke, interim vice chancellor of academic affairs. "I am excited about the growth of our campus and I know that the region is looking to us to provide the educational programs that will enable many to achieve their dreams."

Offering the concentration in health management is the first of many new programs to be unveiled on campus for 2011. It is the goal of Chancellor Michael Harris to provide relevant and innovative programs for a stronger and better educated workforce that can contribute to the economic growth of this region.



"Through innovative education programs and courses, IU Kokomo will positively impact our surrounding communities. We will be very intentional in providing current and relevant knowledge and skills needed to assure the well-being of our region," Harris said. "This is one of many steps IU Kokomo is taking to directly fill the educational needs of north central Indiana as we transform the region."

The 36-hour program is available both full and part time, with classes on campus and online. A maximum of 30 students will be admitted into the program, and Robert Dibie, Ph.D., dean of SPEA, emphasized there is still time to enroll for spring classes.

"We want to be a source where people in our region can have good access to education in health administration," Dibie said. "Future hospital administrators can earn an IU master's degree close to home."

For more information, contact the SPEA office at (765) 455-9330, or e-mail Dibie at rdibie@iuk.edu (<mailto:rdibie@iuk.edu>).

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