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University Center Adds Science & Technology Degrees

National-Louis University will bring two new science & technology degrees to the University Center of Lake County in 2010, an action approved by the University Center's Governing Board at an Executive Committee meeting on October 26. The Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Health Biology concentration will be offered as a "bachelor's completion" program—meaning that students can begin their degree work at the College of Lake County and then transfer into National-Louis University to complete their junior & senior years in Lake County at the University Center.

This Health Biology program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive foundation in biology and health sciences that will prepare them equally well for either entry-level positions in pharmaceutical sales, independent testing labs, medical equipment sales, etc., or for graduate/professional programs such as physician's assisting, occupational therapy, physical therapy, public health, and podiatry.



Kim Haugen, Vice President, HR-Global Operations for Hospira, who also serves as UC's Governing Board Chair, noted that "the program would be valuable in this area given the concentration of health care manufacturers, suppliers, and providers in Lake County."

National-Louis University was also approved to bring a Master of Education and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Technology in Education. These programs were designed for P-12 classroom teachers who wish to integrate more technology into their teaching or assist other teachers in using technology to provide more student-centered learning environments. Teachers who complete either the master's degree or the certificate program qualify to sit for the Illinois State Board of Education exam for Technology Specialist (Type 10) certification. A 2009 Survey of Lake County Principals and Superintendents conducted by the Educators' Center of Lake County indicated current and projected five-year shortages of Technology Specialists in middle and secondary schools in the area.

For more information about either program, see www.ucenter.org or contact University Center Recruitment Specialist/Academic Advisor Tonia Baxter at tbaxter@ucenter.org or (847) 665-4014.

Information about these and the other 90+ programs offered through the University Center will also be available at a "University Center Night" information session on Thursday, November 12 from 6-8 pm at 1200 University Center Drive, Grayslake.