

University to begin offering programs at Finger Lakes Victor Extension

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Beginning January 2011, Alfred University will offer a certificate of advanced study (CAS) in mental health counseling, master of business administration (MBA), and master of professional studies (MPS) in community services administration (public administration) programs at the Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) Victor Extension Campus, 200 Victor Heights Parkway. These programs are designed for non-traditional students who are employed full-time. Classes meet for full-day sessions each Saturday, with each course consisting of five consecutive sessions. The courses offered in Victor follow the same curricula as courses taught on the Alfred University campus. Instructors include regular Alfred University faculty and adjunct faculty who are experienced in the areas in which they are teaching. The CAS in mental health counseling is designed to be a "bridge program" for individuals who have already earned a master's degree in counseling but do not have the required coursework and experience for mental health counseling licensure. This would include master's degrees in school counseling, community-agency counseling, and college counseling/college student development, or older general counseling degrees. "This is the first certificate program approved by the State Education Department for mental health licensure," said Jay Cerio, director of the Victor Extension Programs. "We're very excited to be able to offer this program to working counseling professionals." Individuals who successfully complete this NYS Education Department-approved program will meet the requirements for eligibility for the licensed mental health counselor (LMHC) in New York State. There is an internship component to the course; 600 clock hours of experience across two semesters, 240 of which must involve direct counseling activities with clients. The Alfred University MBA focuses on decision-making and emphasizes the use of technology in management. The curriculum puts a special focus on enterprise resource planning (ERP). Graduates will demonstrate effective leadership and teamwork skills, integrate their functional knowledge of business to make decisions, use a global perspective in decision-making and understand the need for ethical practices in business. The Association to Advance Collegiate School of Business-International accredits the AU College of Business programs. The MPS is designed for individuals interested in management, administration, and design and implementation of services in public and private not-for-profit health care, mental health and social service agencies, as well as local government administration. "A unique feature of the program is that it offers individuals the opportunity to specialize in either health care or human service administration, as well as providing the foundation training in public administration," said Robert Bitting, associate director of the Victor programs. "We are delighted to offer these programs in Victor through FLCC," said Cerio. "Alfred University's graduate programs have been a strong presence in the Southern Tier, and have traditionally drawn students from the Rochester area. It's nice to be able to bring these programs to the students for a change." For more information on any of the three programs, go to: <http://www.alfred.edu/gra...>. You may contact Cerio at fcerio@alfred.edu, or Bitting at bitting@alfred.edu.