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## UMSL, Harris-Stowe team up for education program

Tom George, chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and Henry Givens Jr., president of Harris-Stowe State University, today signed an agreement enabling four UMSL graduate-level education courses to be taught at Harris-Stowe. Credits earned can be applied toward a Master of Education degree at UMSL.

"This collaborative effort is exciting for both institutions," George said. "Post-baccalaureate Harris-Stowe students will have access to UMSL-quality master's degree courses, and UMSL will provide these students with the opportunity to finish their degree."

The courses are Instructional Design (3 credit hours), Foundations in Education (4 credits), Examining History, Community & Social Justice in Education (3 credits) and Teacher Action, Advocacy & Leadership (3 credits). They will be taught jointly by UMSL and Harris-Stowe faculty on the Harris-Stowe campus in midtown St. Louis.

Students will pay the UMSL graduate tuition rate. To enroll in these courses, students must apply and be admitted into the Graduate School at UMSL.

"Clearly this unique cooperative between the two universities is a 'win-win' for not only the participating students, but also for the two universities themselves -- in many important ways -- and is illustrative of a truly effective undertaking in collaborative higher education in our community," Givens said.

If the initial offerings are successful, additional graduate courses could be added, according to Charles Schmitz, dean of the College of Education at UMSL.

"This is an attractive option for Harris-Stowe students, and since they'll already be enrolled in UMSL's graduate program, they'll most likely continue their learning in the College of Education at UMSL," Schmitz said.

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