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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY RECEIVES GRANT FOR ALTERNATIVE CREDIT PROJECT (ACP)

ACP adds to portfolio of ways students can receive credit for prior learning

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 27, 2016 – Davenport University has been granted \$3,000 from the American Council on Education (ACE) to help implement the Alternative Credit Project (ACP). The ACP was developed by the ACE to encourage greater acceptance of alternative credit by participating colleges and to provide a more flexible pathway towards postsecondary education attainment for students who may have some college credit but no degree.

As one of only two schools in Michigan taking part in the project, Davenport has agreed to grant credit for a large number of low- or no-cost online courses offered through the ACE's ACP program. These courses include disciplines such as business, critical thinking and writing, foreign language, humanities, mathematics, and natural and physical sciences.

"We are very excited to be a part of the Alternative Credit Project as this gives us another way to help students achieve their degree in a timely and cost-effective manner," said Dr. Wayne Sneath, Davenport's Program Director for Experiential Learning. "Students taking advantage of the ACP program can gain credits toward the lower-level coursework required so that their time at Davenport is more focused on their career-oriented major."

The ACP adds to an already broad portfolio of ways that students can receive credit for prior learning at Davenport University. Credit for prior learning involves an assessment process by which students can earn academic credit for the college-level knowledge and skills they can demonstrate based on learning gained outside of the classroom in non-formal, education, work, and/or life experience settings. Students who participate in credit for prior learning are able to graduate more quickly and save money on tuition.

About Davenport University

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving nearly 9,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience, and more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology, health professions and urban education. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

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