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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University today was authorized by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities to offer an off-campus degree program in Career Occupations in Danville.

The program, aimed at providing access to a bachelor's degree for community college graduates and other eligible students, must now be considered by the Board of Higher Education.

Dr. Daniel E. Marvin, Jr., Eastern's president, said completion of a B.S. degree in career occupations "will prepare these individuals, who have acquired advanced technical skills through experiential learning, for professional advancement."

Courses will be scheduled in the evenings and weekends to make enrollment possible for adults who work full-time, Marvin said. The program has a fully-accredited teacher certification option.

Based upon surveys conducted in the Danville area, it is estimated that 45 students will enroll during the first year. The survey also indicated that 93 percent of the persons interested were employed full-time, and would not otherwise have an opportunity to enroll in higher education courses.

Marvin said the program was requested by the Danville Area Community College staff, the Vermilion Occupational and Technical Education Center, and several business and industrial representatives.