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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University, through an agreement of understanding with the U.S. Air Force, offers two bachelor's degrees and three master's degree programs to civilian and military personnel at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul.

Classes are conducted on four evenings each week and on Saturday mornings.

Among degrees offered is the award-winning Board of Governors' Bachelor of Arts. This program was recently cited by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities as a model of excellence for other innovative programs in higher education across the nation.

The BOG-BA offers a number of features designed especially for the adult learner. Among these is the opportunity for earning credit for college-level experiential learning. Another feature which appeals to older students who may have accumulated a great deal of transfer credit is the required minimum of only 15 semester hours of EIU credit.

A third provision which the adult learner finds particularly suitable is the freedom to design an individualized course of study. Graduates report that as a result of completing the BOG-BA degree they have experienced such advantages as an advancement in career, an increase in self-esteem, and acceptance into a graduate program.

Another degree offered in this area is the Bachelor of Science with a major in Career Occupations. This program permits individuals who have occupational or technical college coursework and three years of work experience in their area of specialization to enroll in a course of study leading to a degree without requiring on-campus enrollment.

Technical areas appropriate for this program are business and office occupations, industrial and technical occupations, health related occupations, and personal and public service occupations.

The program is intended to assist its graduates in preparing for promotion opportunities in their own employment setting; teaching roles in secondary, post-secondary or other occupational/technical training programs; or entry into a masters program.

A Master of Science in Education degree with a major in counseling and guidance is available. Individuals selected to this program may have majored in any area at the bachelor's degree level. Previous students have come from a variety of undergraduate major fields such as music education, psychology, spanish, english, zoology, elementary and junior high education.

The majority of graduates are employed in elementary and secondary school programs, student personnel work in higher education, community agencies, employment services, mental health agencies, correctional facilities, youth services, homes for the aged, rehabilitation agencies, and various governmental units. (Counseling in public schools requires eligibility for teacher certification.)

The School of Technology offers two master's degree programs. A Master of Science in Technology is designed for the individual wishing to upgrade management skills combined with technical knowledge. The degree will meet the needs of industrial managers, technical specialists and industrial technology undergraduate majors who plan to continue working in industry.

The Master of Science in Technology Education degree is designed for industrial arts, vocational education and occupational education majors who wish to increase their knowledge of educational innovation and the increasing effects of technology on society and the environment.

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The degree will meet the needs of individuals planning to continue teaching in the public school, instructors at the junior college level or individuals planning to continue with advanced degree work.

Additional information concerning these programs may be obtained at the Eastern Illinois University Office, Education Service Branch, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. 61868; (Phone: 217/891-4144); Office hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. daily.