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PRE-PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PROGRAM

CHARLESTON, IL.--The first graduates of Eastern Illinois University's Pre-Professional Practice Program for candidates in the master of science in home economics-dietetics option degree program will participate in Eastern's fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 11.

Seven Illinois hospitals, including Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, are affiliated with the graduate dietetics program, which includes both courses and the Pre-Professional Practice Program.

According to Dr. Ruth Dow of Charleston, dietetics program coordinator at Eastern, three students are graduating from the program, which is one of eight programs in the United States recently approved for 10 years by the Council on Education Division of Education Accreditation/American Dietetic Association (ADA).

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"We already had a quality program, but it is an important step for our program to be approved. This process indicates we have undergone a rigorous review," Dow said.

Initiated in 1979 on a pilot basis, the current program received Illinois Board of Higher Education approval as a combined master's/clinical program in 1981.

In addition to her involvement with Eastern's dietetics program, Dow is a member of the Charleston Food Pantry Board and the Coles County League of Women Voters.