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NEWS

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In June of this year, Concordia University started to offer master's level graduate courses in education at its Portland campus. Three types of education postgraduate programs were developed. For students who have a Bachelor's degree in either Arts or Science, but no educational training, the Master of Arts in Teaching (a.k.a. MAT program) was created. For individuals who are already teaching professionals, the options of either obtaining a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction) degree or a Master of Education in Administration (M.Ed. in Administration) were developed.

The MAT program is a means by which individuals with prior degrees can obtain master's level teaching requirements in an eleven month period. To maintain its educational integrity and the ability to have a very personal educational experience, this program will be limited to thirty to thirty-five students entering each session. According to education professor Dr. Joseph Mannion, it is important in a master's program to, "know (people) by their first names" and recognize, "people as individuals."

Dr. Mannion continues this attitude in regard to the admission and instruction of M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction and M.Ed. in Administration students.

Concerning all of his students, Dr. Mannion feels that they have made all the master's programs successful with their high levels of motivation and commitment. In regards to the master's students Dr. Mannion states, "It is a pleasure to be

with them in the classroom."

According to Dr. Mannion, the impetus for designing these programs was, "the real need to offer quality graduate programs in the N.E. Portland community." Therefore, Concordia University decided to expand its educational program to continue servicing the community by offering higher postgraduate levels in education. For more information regarding these new programs contact the admissions office of Concordia University.

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