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APUS Expands Associate Degree Programs

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AA Degree Concentrations are Now Stand Alone Degrees for Online University System

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va., June 3 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has given approval to American Public University System (APUS) www.apus.edu to enhance its associate degree programs. One Associate of Arts degree in General Studies, with multiple concentrations, has now been changed to several stand alone associate degrees in those fields. With HLC's approval of these changes, APUS may now award Federal Student Aid (FSA) funding under Title IV to students enrolled in the stand alone associate degree programs.

"These changes give more choices to APUS students," said Dr. Frank McCluskey, provost and executive vice president for APUS. "In addition, we are pleased that the new stand alone associate programs are eligible for Federal Student Aid, which will help more students gain access to higher education."

Regionally accredited, APUS serves more than 33,000 part-time students who live and work in all 50 states and more than 100 foreign countries. With the addition of the new associate degrees, APUS now offers 73 degree programs in fields ranging from homeland security, military studies, intelligence, and criminal justice to technology, business administration, public health, and liberal arts. Current and prospective students may begin to register for the new stand alone associate degree programs later this summer.

"Improving associate degree programs will help further the APUS mission of providing relevant, affordable and student-focused online degree programs to those who serve," said Wallace E. Boston, Jr., president and chief executive officer of APUS.

The approved changes to the Associate of Arts in General Studies are as follows:

2007 AA Degree Concentrations	2008 Approved Changes

Associate of Arts in General Studies with a concentration in:	Associate of Arts in General Studies
Accounting	AA in Accounting
Business Administration	AA in Business Administration
Communication	AA in Communication
Computer Applications	AS in Computer Applications
Counter-Terrorism Fundamentals	AA in Counter-Terrorism Studies
Explosive Ordnance Disposal	AS in Explosive Ordnance Disposal
Fire Science	AS in Fire Science
Health Services Administration	AS in Public Health
History	AA in History
Hospitality Restaurant Operations	AA in Hospitality
Infant and Toddler Care	AA in Early Childhood Care & Education
Military Studies	AA in Military History
Paralegal Studies	AS in Paralegal Studies
Personnel Administration	AA in Personnel Administration
Real Estate Management	AA in Real Estate Studies
Weapons of Mass Destruction	AA in Weapons of Mass Destruction
Preparedness	Preparedness
AA - Associate of Arts	
AS - Associate of Science	

About American Public University System

American Public University System is comprised of American Military University (http://www.amuonline.com) and American Public University (http://www.apu.apus.edu). Courses are taught by professors who are experienced in the real-world subjects they teach. APUS's curriculum, affordability and flexibility helps working adults pursue degrees in homeland security, national security and emergency and disaster management. APUS also offers programs in professional studies, management, and liberal arts. A university book grant supplies textbooks at no cost for eligible undergraduate students. Eligible students may apply for Federal Student Aid. APUS is a wholly owned subsidiary of American Public Education, Inc., (NASDAQ: APEI). For more information, please visit www.americanpubliceducation.com.

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