

ROSEMONT COLLEGE

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Rosemont College Graduate and Accelerated Undergraduate Programs Receive Online Accreditation

Rosemont, PA – Rosemont College’s Schools of Graduate and Professional Studies recently received accreditation to offer fully online degree programs from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), the accrediting organization of degree-granting colleges and universities in the mid-Atlantic region and several locations internationally.

The MSCHE designation grants Rosemont College’s request to offer a fully online bachelor of science in management degree and a fully online masters of business administration degree. The development of fully online degrees in the Schools of Graduate and Professional Studies is a major part of the College’s new Strategic Plan, approved unanimously by the College’s Board of Trustee in May, 2008.

The online degree program will be optional, with face to face and hybrid options also available to all students starting June 1, 2009. Regardless of format, courses will be taught by current SGPS faculty presenting the curriculum in traditional and online formats.

Judith Rényi, Ph.D., dean of the Schools of Graduate and Professional Studies, was charged with expanding current offerings online and developing new online offerings. “The undergraduate and graduate business courses have all been technology-assisted from the start; in many cases they could be characterized as hybrid.” Rényi continued, “All but two of the undergraduate general education options have been offered in online as well as in-person versions for many years. Our students are highly motivated to earn their degrees and we wish to make it possible for them to meet their college responsibilities asynchronously.”

“Rosemont was one of the first in the region to introduce a bachelor of science in management and a masters of business administration in an accelerated format in 1994,” said Sharon Latchaw Hirsh, Ph.D., president of Rosemont College “This favorable determination of the Middle State Commission on Higher Education allows the College to fulfill our promise of flexibility to our working, adult students to suit their already heavy schedules and responsibilities.”

In addition to the two online degrees, which are still also available in a traditional classroom setting, Rosemont College’s Schools of Graduate and Professional Studies offers accelerated undergraduate bachelor of science degrees in criminal justice, marketing, human resource management, and accounting. Bachelor of art degrees are available in organizational development and business communication. Graduate degrees are also conferred, including a master of arts degrees in English literature; English and publishing; and curriculum and instruction, as

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well as a master of fine arts degree in creative writing, and a masters of business administration.

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Founded in 1921 by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, Rosemont College is an independent, coeducational liberal arts institution in the Catholic tradition located on the Main Line, 11 miles west of Philadelphia, on the border of Montgomery and Delaware Counties. The nationally-acclaimed, traditional Undergraduate College confers B.A., B.S., and B.F.A. degrees in twenty-one majors. Rosemont College also includes the Schools of Graduate and Professional Studies, which are open to both women and men. For more information, visit www.rosemont.edu.

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