

Academics unique to area and nation Programs Respond to Community Needs



Instructor Chris Lauria (seated second from right) discusses hospitality management with students Octavia Street (standing, left), Quinn Sweeny, David Raider, Kim Kibbey (seated, left), Susan Haight and Kristen Bradley.

Beginning this fall, Madonna University will initiate several programs which, true to the institution's mission, combine a strong liberal arts foundation with solid career preparation and a commitment to serving others.

Due to the demands of the hospitality industry, Madonna University will combine its food service management and hospitality management majors.

The revised major will lead to a bachelor of science degree in hospitality management and will prepare students for careers in hotels, restaurants, college housing, retirement complexes, resorts, nursing homes and airlines... any institution that offers housing or food away from home.

Students with a hospitality management major will complete 40 semester hours of hospitality courses and 24 semester hours of a required business administration minor. Those earning a hospitality management minor will complete 20 semester hours of hospitality courses.

Chris Lauria, adjunct assistant professor who teaches "Lodging Management" at Madonna, said, "Students in hospitality management have an excellent future. The skills are transferable and the program offers training in all areas of management including operations, financial accounting, inventory, human resources, customer service, and merchandising and marketing."

A new mental health major will be offered which is designed to prepare students for immediate employment in

the mental health field. Mental health students are required to complete 42 credit hours for a major or 22 credit hours for a minor.



Dr. Robert Cohen

Upon completion of the program, students will qualify for entry level positions such as psychological technicians, case managers, and bachelor's-level counselors.

"This program is the only one of its kind in Southeastern Michigan," said Dr. Robert Cohen, Madonna University associate professor of psychology and coordinator of the new major.

"The courses will emphasize a psychological, scientific approach to mental health issues. They will address current practices of assessment, diagnosis and treatment, sociocultural influences, and ethical and legal issues in mental health settings," Dr. Cohen added.

A new Health Care Career Options

(HCCO) program offers students an intensive one-year exploration of the range of opportunities in health care and other service professions.



Dr. Mary Wawrzynski

"At the end of the second semester, students determine where they want to concentrate their studies," explained Dr. Mary

Wawrzynski, dean, College of Nursing and Health. "This can be in any health care or service career such as child development, health care social work, dietetics/nutrition or one of the University's other 50 plus majors."

The plan of study includes courses in medical terminology, health problems, anatomy and physiology, to name a few. Each HCCO student will receive a certificate of completion for fulfilling the program requirements which is a minimum of 30 semester hours.

A national leader in hospice education, Madonna University is the first institution in the United States to offer a master's degree and graduate level certificate in hospice. The University initiated the nation's only bachelor's degree program in hospice in 1984.



Sr. Cecilia Eagen

"Because of the increase in the number of hospice facilities and the cost of health care, there is now more demand for advanced preparation of managers and leaders, in all aspects of hospice," said Sister Cecilia Eagen, director of Madonna University's hospice education program.

The Master of Science in Hospice (MSH) core courses will be initiated this fall and cognate courses in management, education or nursing can be taken immediately.

The MSH degree requires a total of 30 semester hours of coursework: 15 from the hospice core; six from the research core; and nine from a cognate discipline.

Academics at Madonna University include more than 50 undergraduate majors and a graduate studies program featuring concentrations in diverse areas of business, education, nursing, health services administration and hospice.

A pioneer in opening its doors to both older and younger adults, with diverse economic, religious, social and cultural backgrounds, the institution has grown to an enrollment of more than 4,000 men and women.

For information regarding these programs, call the Admissions Office (313) 432-5339, TTY: (313) 432-5643, email:muinfo@smtp.munet.edu

Madonna Remains Most Affordable Independent University

"Madonna has a good learning environment. The classes are small and the primary focus



for everyone is education," said Monica McKenzie, a sophomore in education from Detroit. "The people are helpful. They handle business. Yes, you definitely get your money's worth."

So that Madonna University remains competitive and accessible to a diverse student population, the University's primary focus at its recent meeting was to keep tuition affordable.

The Board of Trustees approved tuition increases of 3.5 percent. William T. Phillips, chairman of the board and chairman of Phillips Services Industries in Livonia, Michigan, said, "We will cover only 75 percent of the actual cost for a student."

Madonna, the University is committed to keeping tuition affordable.

The University relies each year on the generous additional support from corporate foundations and governmental agencies. Fundraising activities, including the annual fund drive, are also a major part of the University's scholarship and financial aid program.