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## **Benedictine University, COD partner to offer B.A. in Management at COD**

**Lisle, Illinois** ~ College of DuPage and Benedictine University signed three 3+1 agreements today that enable Accounting, Management and Marketing students to earn a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Management from Benedictine University at the College's Glen Ellyn campus.

"Through the years, College of DuPage and Benedictine University have enjoyed a solid and productive partnership," Benedictine President William J. Carroll said. "The development of the 3+1 programs is a wonderful and exciting evolution of that relationship. We celebrate our partnership and look forward to even more exciting examples of how we can work together to make higher education in DuPage County the best in the land."

"We are very pleased to offer our students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management from Benedictine University's esteemed College of Business and the Moser College of Adult and Professional Studies," College of DuPage President Robert L. Breuder said.

"We will continue to aggressively pursue this trend in higher education. These partnerships are extremely beneficial for students in terms of accessibility, affordability and convenience."

During the first three years of the Accounting program, which consists of 124 credit hours, students complete 85 credit hours of College of DuPage courses. The final 39 credit hours of Benedictine coursework are taught in an accelerated format by Benedictine professors at COD.

Students enrolled in the Management or Marketing programs, which consist of 129 credit hours, complete 90 credit hours of College of DuPage coursework and an additional 39 credit hours of Benedictine courses taught in an accelerated format by Benedictine professors at COD.

Students pay COD tuition rates for the first 85 credit hours (Accounting) or 90 credit hours (Management/Marketing) of COD coursework, with the final 39 credit hours of Benedictine courses offered at a significantly reduced tuition rate. BenU also provides admissions, advising and financial aid services at COD to enable students to have a seamless transition.

As part of this special agreement, students must be at least 21 years old to enroll in the 39 credit hours offered by Benedictine University in the accelerated and blended delivery formats. In addition, to participate in this new 3+1 program, students must first complete an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree at College of DuPage.

“This is a major breakthrough for students with an AAS degree who are interested in pursuing a bachelor’s degree in management,” COD Executive Vice President Joe Collins said. “Only a handful of such programs are available nationally, and we are very pleased to work with Benedictine University to make this happen for our students.”

College of DuPage currently offers an accelerated AAS degree in Management through its Adult Fast Track program for adult students age 21 and older. Any COD student who is 21 years of age or older also can complete a variety of core general education and/or elective courses which satisfy the requirements of other degree and certificate programs.

For more information, contact the College of DuPage Office of Admissions and Outreach at (630) 942-2380 or the Counseling and Advising Center at (630) 942-2482, or contact the Benedictine University Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300 or [admissions@ben.edu](mailto:admissions@ben.edu).