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Olivet to offer first doctoral degree

Ed.D. in Ethical Leadership program set for summer 2007 start

Olivet Nazarene University has announced its intent to offer the Doctor of Education degree in ethical leadership, making it the first doctoral degree program developed by the nearly 100-year-old University.

Officials were notified in July by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools that the University's accreditation has been unconditionally expanded to include the Ed.D.

Classes for the Ed.D. in ethical leadership will begin in summer 2007, coinciding with Olivet's Centennial Celebration. The three-year interdisciplinary program, including the action research dissertation, is broadly designed to appeal to those who are, or aspire to be, in positions of leadership.

"It is only fitting as we celebrate 100 years of Olivet Nazarene University that we begin a new chapter in Olivet's academic life," said Dr. John Bowling, Olivet's president. "Offering a doctorate degree is the perfect introduction to the next 100 years, and the Ed.D. in ethical leadership, in particular, is the ideal outgrowth of Olivet's mission to equip men and women for lives of service to God and humanity."

Dr. Carol Maxson, dean of Olivet's School of Graduate and Continuing Studies, said the program's focus will be servant leadership. "It is our vision that the legacy of this program will be to provide future generations of ethical leaders."

University Provost Dr. Gary Streit adds that the new program is a testimony to the University's continual pursuit of academic excellence. "The Higher Learning Commission's recognition of Olivet's first doctoral initiative speaks volumes about the academic integrity and rigor that are the hallmarks of what Olivet is today and what we aspire to be."

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering over 120 areas of study. It is centrally located in the historic village of Bourbonnais, Illinois — just 50 miles from Chicago's loop — with additional School of Graduate and Continuing Studies locations in Rolling Meadows, Ill. and throughout Chicagoland.

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