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## **State Recognizes Corning Community College As a Keuka College Branch Campus**

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—Unofficially, Corning Community College (CCC) has been a steadfast degree completion partner of Keuka College since 2001.

The New York State Department of Education recently made it official, approving CCC as a Keuka College branch campus. CCC joins Onondaga Community College (OCC) in Syracuse with that distinction.

“Being a branch campus does not change how we operate, but it does strengthen our relationship with CCC,” said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Gary Bonvillian. “This is important, because in addition to offering two of our bachelor’s degree completion programs and our master’s degree program in Corning, Keuka is a popular choice of CCC students seeking to transfer.”

Currently, 64 students are pursuing Keuka College degrees at CCC.

To earn branch campus status from the DOE, CCC had to meet certain criteria, including the number of students enrolled and classes taught, according to Bonvillian.

“After you pass a certain threshold of credit hours generated (the number of students times course credit hours), then you really have a branch site in operation,” explained Bonvillian. “Also, these sites provide us with support functions for our students such as a library, access to labs, and general assistance.”

“CCC and OCC are our most active sites for degree completion, which is one of the reasons both colleges met the criteria,” said Bonvillian.

Keuka’s degree completion program debuted on campus in the fall of 2000 with the B.S. degree in organizational management. It has grown to include the B.S. in criminal justice systems and M.S. in management, as well as a B.S. in nursing and a certificate in gerontology. Courses are offered at 17 sites around New York state.

All programs are offered in an accelerated format: students attend classes one night a week and

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earn their degrees in less than two years.

“Our programs are designed for working people,” said Bonvillian. “They can earn their degrees without sacrificing job and family responsibilities.”

The bachelor’s degree completion programs are designed for students 25-years-old and above with 60 hours of college credit. The master of science in management program is designed for adult students who hold a bachelor’s degree.

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