

News Release

U of M Crookston's College in the High School Gains National Accreditation

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CROOKSTON, Minn. (November 2, 2007) – The University of Minnesota, Crookston's College in the High School (CIHS) program received national accreditation at the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) fall conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, in late October. CIHS at the U of M, Crookston is one of only four programs accredited in the state.

National accreditation for the College in the High School program allows the U of M, Crookston to help guarantee students, policy makers, and other post secondary institutions that the accredited concurrent enrollment programs (CEP) meet rigorous national standards while maintaining the integrity of academic content. NACEP also aids alumni and families when seeking credit recognition for their CEP-earned college credits.

The U of M, Crookston filed the application intention in January 2006 and submitted the self-study report in July 2006, the accreditation process was roughly 15 months. NACEP standards identify key elements of quality in the areas of curriculum, faculty, students, assessment and program evaluation. Member institutions may be accredited as full NACEP members upon demonstrating that they meet or exceed the measurable criteria which form the basis of the NACEP standards.

U of M, Crookston CIHS objectives include helping college-bound high school students establish appropriate expectations for collegiate academic performance; decreasing the overall expense of a college education since credits are earned at no cost to the students and parents; providing opportunities for public school faculty and U of M, Crookston faculty to work cooperatively, exchange ideas, and participate in staff development activities; and integrating college courses effectively into the high school schedule so that students maintain their relationships within their high school.

The U of M, Crookston has been delivering CIHS since 1993 and in the last two years more than 1,500 students have been served each year. CHIS partners with 44 independent Minnesota school districts and has saved more than 1.7 million dollars in tuition regionally.

To learn more about concurrent enrollment alternatives and CIHS, contact the University of Minnesota, Crookston Center for Adult Learning at 218-281-8677 or by visiting www.UMCrookston.edu/cihs.

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