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AU Supply Chain Certificate Approved for Indiana Workforce Training

Anderson, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development recently approved Anderson University's Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Certificate as an eligible training program under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The four-course, non-credit Purchasing and Supply Chain Management Certificate program will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning June 3 and ending December 16.

"Individuals who have become unemployed and are enrolled in the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) program or covered under a TAA (Trade Adjustment Assistance) petition are eligible to receive tuition assistance for this certificate program," said Hank Swanson, Site Coordinator at the WorkOne Outreach Center in Anderson. "The State of Indiana recognizes the need to help dislocated workers acquire the kind of skills employers are seeking right now."

"The overall objective of supply chain management is to enhance an organization's operational and financial performance by delivering customers with the highest value goods and services at the lowest possible cost," said Ken Jones, program instructor. "The certificate provides a solid foundation of operations, logistics and purchasing coursework that one can use as a spring board into a dynamic, high-demand field."

Classes will be conducted at the Anderson University Flagship Center, located at Exit 22 on Interstate 69 (2705 Enterprise Dr.) in Anderson. The program, a product of AU's Professional Development Services, consists of four accelerated non-credit courses which focus on the areas of Operations Management, Supply Chain Management – Physical Distribution, Fundamentals of Purchasing, and Advanced Purchasing.

"Every industry employs supply management professionals," said Kerrie Aborn, Director of Professional Development Services at AU. "We created this program because logistics and physical distribution is the third largest and fastest growing industry in Central Indiana. In a knowledge-based economy, a skilled supply chain management workforce is an extremely valuable resource and provides strategic competitive advantage."

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Anderson University is a four-year liberal arts institution of approximately 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students. Established in 1917 by the Church of God, the university offers more than 60 undergraduate majors and graduate programs in theology, business and education. The Professional Development Services arm of Anderson University is committed to helping individuals develop skills and knowledge which add value to their work and to our region.

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