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FIVE-YEAR BA/MA NONPROFIT PROGRAM LAUNCHING IN FALL

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Responding to an anticipated demand for leaders in the nonprofit field, Lindenwood University is launching in fall 2014 a combined BA/MA program in nonprofit administration. Students in the new program, which is unique in the St. Louis area, will be able to earn a bachelor's and a master's in just five years.

Julie Turner, chair of the Nonprofit Administration Program, said students will be able to complete both degrees in far less time than they would have been able to, normally, and four of the five years will be billed at the undergraduate tuition rate.

"Nonprofit management is a dynamic, evolving profession in which our knowledge about how to work with causes about which we are passionate and the systems that impact our work is growing rapidly," Turner said. "Graduates in the program will enjoy increased career mobility and a wider scope of job prospects in a variety of administrative roles."

The program is structured so that students will earn a bachelor's degree in the first four years in a classroom curriculum centered on six core competencies, and because many first-year master's degree requirements are completed during the student's undergraduate years, the master's degree can be completed after a fifth year that consists of two semesters of intensive internship.

"The fifth year provides essential real-world job experience," Turner said. "We're investing in our future workforce in a growing field in which qualified professionals are more and more in-demand."

For more information about the new program, contact Turner at jturner@lindenwood.edu.

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