

## **Universities collaborate to create NEW Learning Center**

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In one of the first collaborations of its type in the University of Wisconsin System, UW Oshkosh and UW-Green Bay have worked together to create the University of Wisconsin Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Learning Center.

The Center, which is housed at the D.J. Bordini Center at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wis., will offer classes designed for working adults in the Fox Cities area and delivered through the UW Oshkosh Center for New Learning and UW-Green Bay Adult Degree Program. It also will provide students with academic advising services.

Included in the Center's offerings will be classes that are part of the two universities' new Bachelor of Applied Studies (BAS) degree programs and other programs that make a bachelor's degree more accessible to Northeast Wisconsin residents with technical college degrees, associate degrees from two-year UW Colleges and other transfer credits as well as those with no prior college experience.

The innovative and collaborative BAS degree programs, the first of their kind in the UW System, are aimed at working adults with associate degrees from technical colleges.

"This unique collaboration really serves to provide students who are working in technical jobs the opportunity to move up the career ladder," said UW Oshkosh's Chancellor Richard H. Wells. "Graduates of the program will be prepared to move into supervisory, program management and team leadership positions."

UW-Green Bay Chancellor Bruce Shepard said the NEW Learning Center responds to the higher educational needs of Fox Cities residents.

"This type of partnership is a model for how we can effectively meet the needs of the region we proudly serve," Shepard said.

The collaboration was first conceived in 2005 and was developed over the following two years. Funding for the project came from a Committee on Baccalaureate Expansion grant. The committee studied ways to enhance the state's economy by increasing the number of state residents with bachelor's degrees.