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WVU OFFERS EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM ON NEW RIVER'S NICHOLAS COUNTY CAMPUS

[Summersville, WV] An agreement has been reached between the WVU Business School and New River Community and Technical College to make WVU's Executive MBA program available on New River's Nicholas County Campus in Summersville, WV.

"I want to open as many doors as possible to educational opportunities for the citizens of Nicholas County," commented Nicholas County Campus Dean Fred Culler. "Thus I am very pleased to add this new program. It is now possible for these students to complete a master's degree without having to leave the county."

The two-year year program is designed for working professionals. Classes are taught two evenings a week from 6-9 pm. for four semesters. In addition to Summersville, the program is delivered to eight other locations around the state. Lectures are video archived so that students can review missed lecture at their convenience.

According to Elizabeth Vitulo, associate director of the Executive MBA program, the goal is to allow working professionals to maintain their momentum while they are furthering their education to advance their careers.

"We are an AACSB accredited program, the gold standard for business schools," Vitulo said.

She added that students are placed in cohorts because they have found the cohort model has a positive impact on graduation rates. The first Nicholas County cohort of three students enrolled this semester. The next cohort will begin studies in two years. However,

Vitulo noted that it might be possible for students to complete some requirements online before joining the next cohort.

Further information about the Executive MBA program can be found at www.be.wvu.edu/emba, or by calling Vitulo at (304) 293-7811.

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