

UNL implements distance education program

■ **Increasing administration demand creates need for statewide program.**

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Because of an increased demand for administrators in Nebraska's school systems, the Division of Continuing Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has implemented a statewide distance education program.

The program is the first of its kind at UNL and will allow educators with

a master's degree in the K-12 school system to obtain a doctorate in education within three years.

The doctorate in education program begins next August and will offer specialized degrees in curriculum and instruction and education administration, said Norma Patterson, program specialist for the Department of Academic Telecommunications.

Educators enrolled in the distance education program will take two classes a semester for six semesters.

Through the use of satellite and Internet instruction in centers around the state, students will be able to complete most of their degrees at or near

their homes.

The only on-campus requirement will be two five-week summer sessions. Students will take one session each summer.

CD-ROMs and e-mail will also be used for instruction, Patterson said, depending on each instructor's teaching style.

Patterson said the state is in need of administrators now more than ever.

According to a study by the Nebraska Council of School Administrators and the Nebraska Association of School Boards, 60 percent of school administrators in Nebraska will retire within the next 10 years.

According to the Web site for the Distance Learning Faculty Institute, www.unl.edu/conted/telecom/workshop/index.html, people learn more when a variety of instructional tools are used.

A combination of multimedia such as television, the Internet and satellite streaming creates a "richer, more diverse learning experience for students," the Web site said.

Patterson said interested students should contact the Division of Continuing Studies' academic telecommunications office before the middle of January, and staff there will help qualified students enroll in the program.

People in charge of the distance education program hope to meet with all enrolled students in February for a short orientation, Patterson said.

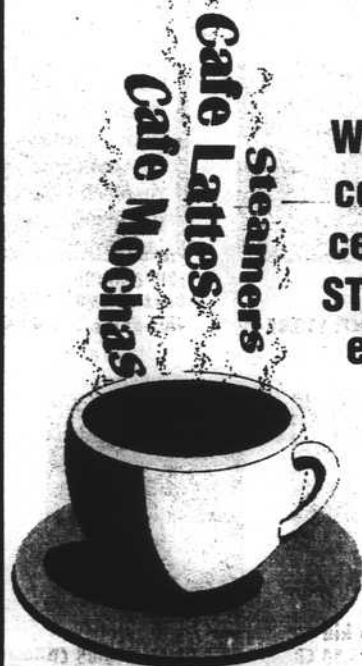
Similar regional programs have been offered at UNL since 1993.

The first program originated in western Nebraska because there was a need for more administrators in education there.

Since then, Patterson said, there have been cohorts in Scottsbluff, eastern Nebraska and the Norfolk/Grand Island area.

"This is the fourth cohort that's been started," Patterson said. "Now is timely. Now more than ever we need new leaders coming up."

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ond time Cheryl Roode has participated as a parade marshal.

Her responsibilities were to maintain crowd control and keep people off the street, Roode said. Roode said she had no problems with this year's crowd.

Jessica Jenkins, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshman biology major, said the parade impressed her.

"I think it's great so many people volunteered their Saturday morning to promote community pride," she said.

The city of Lincoln sponsors the parade, as well as local businesses.

Parade preparation lasted all year, Shugert said, and her team began planning next year's parade two weeks ago.

Shugert said most of the parade funding comes through balloon and float sponsorship.

"Without corporate sponsorship the parade wouldn't be possible," Shugert said.

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