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New Ph.D. Specialization To Result From Agreement

A doctoral degree with a specialization in medical sociology is now available in the Pacific Northwest thanks to a new agreement between Portland State University (PSU) and Kaiser Permanente's Center for Health Research (CHR).

On March 6, officials from the University's Business Office, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Department of Sociology and from the CHR signed an agreement to cooperate in creating a concentration in medical sociology within the University's Systems Science-Sociology Doctoral Program. PSU faculty and CHR researchers will collaborate in teaching and training graduate students in the program. The two institutions will also collaborate on joint research projects and on joint fund-raising efforts.

Mary Durham, PhD, director of the CHR and vice president of research for Kaiser/Group Health, believes the collaboration will make it possible for the two institutions to do research that would be "more difficult for each of us to do alone." She also feels that "this affiliation between



Pictured at the March 6 signing (L to R): Cathy Dyck, PSU Business Affairs; Clyde Pope, PSU adjunct prof., sociology; Robert Shotola, Chair, PSU Sociology Dept.; Mary Durham, CHR director & Vice Pres. of research for Kaiser/Group Health; and Marvin Kaiser, Dean, PSU College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

the university and our research center—which is based in a health care delivery system—will also help us compete successfully for joint research funding."

"This affiliation is a perfect

example of building collaborative programs that will strengthen both partners as well as benefit the city of Portland and the state," says Marvin Kaiser, PhD, Dean of PSU's College of Liberal Arts

and Sciences.

"This agreement will allow us to build on those shared goals in a way that will complement the University's already strong programs in public health."

University of Phoenix To Mark Opening of its First Oregon Campus

The University of Phoenix, Portland's newest institution of higher education, announced that it will hold an open house on Thursday, March 19 from 4:00-7:00 to mark the opening of its first Oregon campus located at 13190 SW 68th Parkway in Tigard.

The open house will introduce attendees to the University's approach to higher education, including its "virtual library." Light refreshments will be served.

First announcing plans to open a Portland area campus last November, the University temporarily of-

fered undergraduate and graduate degree classes in business at local conference facilities while awaiting the completion of its 14,000 sq. foot Tigard campus, which officially opened in January.

"We couldn't be happier with our new location," said Dr. Craig Swenson, University of Phoenix regional vice president. "I'm confident that Portland area residents will find the campus to be a convenient and pleasant location to pursue undergraduate and graduate degree programs."

Catering exclusively to working adults, the University allows students

to go back to school without interrupting their careers.

Students attend class one night a week, begin a new class every five to six weeks and meet with study groups at their convenience to complete assignments and group projects.

Classes are taught by working professionals with advanced degrees who possess current experience in the subject areas of the courses they teach.

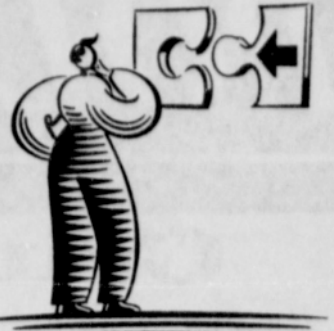
"Working adult students demand a greater level of convenience than the traditional student," said Swenson. "At the University of Phoenix we provide the convenience,

while at the same time ensuring a challenging and rewarding educational experience."

The University of Phoenix is a private, for-profit institution of higher education whose mission is to provide high-quality education to working adult students.

The University is accredited by the Commission of Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and currently enrolls more than 40,000 working adult students, and employs more than 6,000 faculty and staff.

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