American Sentinel announces two new master’s-level geospatial programs

Exciting news! At American Sentinel University, we constantly strive to stay at the forefront of the industries we serve, we offer market-relevant programs that help working professionals further their careers. This is why we are thrilled to announce the launch of two brand new geospatial information systems (GIS) programs:

- Our online Master of Geospatial Information Systems is a 36-credit hour program that teaches professionals to apply geospatial technologies and visualization strategies to real-world systems for modern-day problem solving. We offer students two tracks to choose from: A course track and a project track. The course track provides a more traditional academic format. The project track is unique because it supports a student in identifying and addressing a self-defined enterprise GIS challenge. Students will earn their GIS Graduate Certificate upon completion of the first five courses of the MGIS, regardless of the track they choose.

- The 15-credit hour Geospatial Information Systems Graduate Certificate offers a foundational curriculum, which focuses on the real-world use of geospatial information. Students learn to use tools that enable the integration of visual, spatial, temporal, social and contextual information into the working environment to more effectively solve complex issues.

Classes begin in January. If you or anyone you know is interested in either program,
Constitution Day Essay Winners

Congratulations to Shaylene Caffey (BS Information Systems, Geographic Information Systems), who is the winner of American Sentinel’s second annual Constitution Day Essay Contest. Shaylene will receive an engraved iPad. Sheila Frias (MS Nursing) is the second place winner. For her efforts, she will receive an iPod nano. In appreciation to the other students who submitted essays as part of American Sentinel’s Constitution Day Celebration, each will receive a $25.00 gift card. Congratulations again to all participants! All essays are posted on the university’s official Constitution Day page. Please take a look at the thoughtful contributions of your classmates and the American Sentinel University faculty and staff at http://www.americansentinel.edu/constitution.

Message From Student Services

Webinar: Basic Computer Skills for Online Learning: Getting into the Rhythm

It’s never too late to brush up on the basics of computer use, especially when you’re going to school online. We want you to get the most out of your experience with us and your digital world. During this webinar, you will learn basic computer and Microsoft Word skills such as copying and pasting, saving files, and creating folders on your computer to store and organize your files for school. You will also learn some Internet basics that will allow you to search for information more effectively.

When: Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. MDT
You will receive an invitation for this webinar the week of the live event. If you are interested in attending, be sure that you pencil it on your calendar!

Technology News


Economic sectors like government, health care, technology, environmental, energy, and utilities have embraced GIS for its ability to offer insight into strategic and operational issues that are impossible to gain in any other way. To give further insight into the diverse array of industries in need of well-educated GIS professionals, we recently published a complimentary white paper, GIS: A World of Career Opportunities. Download the white paper.

Health Care News

American Sentinel Welcomes Three Exceptional Deans to the Nursing Team

Dr. Judy Burckhardt, dean, nursing
Dr. Burckhardt earned a doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska; she completed a Master's in Education with emphasis on adult education from Washington University, a Master of Science in Nursing with emphasis on nursing education from Kaplan University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Loyola University.
As a part of the American Sentinel team, Dr. Burckhardt will provide leadership for the planning, growth and improvement of the nursing degree and certificate programs. She will supervise the development, implementation and evaluation of academic programs and policies to meet the needs of a diverse and growing student population and accrediting bodies. Under her leadership, the nursing faculty will work collaboratively with other disciplines in the university to advance cross-disciplinary programs. Dr. Burckhardt will establish and/or maintain professional relationships and partnerships at the local, regional, national and international health care agencies, American Sentinel’s Nursing Advisory Boards and other external organizations.

**Dr. Cheryl Wagner, associate dean, nursing**

Dr. Wagner has a Ph.D. in nursing administration, MSN and an MBA from the University of Iowa and a BSN/BA from Marycrest College. She is currently Program Director and Associate Professor, College of Nursing, South University, and previously taught at Walden University and Kaplan University. A published author, she has written 15 professional articles, book chapters and academic papers in journals such as Nursing and Journal of Nursing Administration. She has presented nearly 70 papers at various professional associations and is one of the editors of the 2013 edition of the Nursing Interventions Classification 6th edition.

As a part of the American Sentinel team Dr. Wagner will assist in planning, organizing, supervising and ensuring the success of the MSN program. This position is instrumental in managing program and course review, supporting the work of faculty teams and working with faculty on orientation, problem-solving, curriculum design and assessment.

**Dr. Gloria Ohmart, assistant dean, nursing, BSN programs**

Dr. Ohmart earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix, a Master of Nursing from Emory University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Metropolitan State University. Dr. Ohmart was directly responsible for the planning, organizing, and supervising of nursing programs at the ADN, RN to BSN, and MSN levels at three nationally accredited proprietary colleges and universities. She is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and maintains her national board certification as a Certified Nurse Midwife. In 1981 she established one of the first Nurse Midwifery private practices in Denver and worked as a CNM delivering more than 1000 babies within her 20 years of practice.

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**Business News**

**iPhone Falls Behind in China and Shows that Success Is More than Popularity**

The device is iconic and single-handedly changed the face of an entire industry. And yet, even though Apple reaps an estimated three quarters of mobile industry profits, the company has made relatively little headway in China, the single biggest mobile market in the world. There are a number of factors in China that work against Apple’s interests. [Read more.](#)

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**Military News**

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Military Transition Program To Help Vets Find Jobs, New Careers

The government has laid out a new plan to help veterans transition into the civilian world. Called the Transition GPS, the new program will help separating service members find jobs, start a business, or pursue training or higher education. Transition GPS extends the transition program period from three days to five-to-seven days. It strengthens, standardizes and expands counseling and guidance for service members before leaving the military, as well as transforms the military’s approach to education, training, and credentialing for service members. Read more.

Career Corner

Turning Rejection into Opportunity – When They’ve Hired the Other Candidate

We’ve all been there: you’ve made it to the final cut of a job candidacy, only to learn, after several rounds of interviews, that the other applicant was hired. Your reactions have understandably ranged from disappointment to frustration to resignation. Instead, here’s an approach that’s a bit more effective: Immediately send a thank-you note to the person(s) you interviewed with, telling them that…Read more.

Recent Graduates

Eric Howell, Associate of Science Geographic Information Systems
Robert Prier, Bachelor of Science Business Administration, Management
Wade Lenz, Bachelor of Science Computer Science
David Rathgeber, Bachelor of Science Computer Science
Nancy Rathgeber, Bachelor of Science Computer Science
Julie Naylor, Bachelor of Science Geographic Information Systems
Michael Muth, Bachelor of Science Information Systems
Evan Fillman, Master of Science Computer Systems, Information Security
Yvonne Lam, Master of Science Nursing, case management specialization
Lori Herb, Master of Science Nursing, case management specialization
Pam Ruzic, Master of Science Nursing, case management specialization
Katherine Brodeur, Master of Science Nursing, case management specialization
Linda Rodriguez, Master of Science Nursing, case management specialization
Laureen Turner, Master of Science Nursing, education specialization
Mary Lambert-Washburn, Master of Science Nursing, informatics specialization
Maggie Caston, Master of Science Nursing, informatics specialization
Lesa Miller, Master of Science Nursing, informatics specialization
Dawn Julien, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Nicole Brown, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Nichole Kelenske, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Tasha Oglesby, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Lori Groskreutz, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Irina Escoffery, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Sharon Stanley, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Annie Augustine, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Mini Peechatt, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Claudia Jurjita, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Annamma John, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Rani Joseph, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Lauretta Kiniery, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Deborah Good, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Martha Munters, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Tracy Fazzone, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Polina Brereton, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Amy Gelles, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Shiny Chacko, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Julyana Ferrao, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Marie Dort, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Peter McKenna, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Karen Keuneke, RN to Bachelor of Science Nursing
Eddie Steetle, RN to Master of Science Nursing, informatics specialization
Russchelle Wisdom, RN to Master of Science Nursing, management and organizational leadership specialization
Yolanda Colon, RN to Master of Science Nursing, management and organizational leadership specialization