

NEWS RELEASE

Oct. 21, 2011

Contact: John Shultz (913) 758-6165
Email: shultz35@stmary.edu



University of Saint Mary Hosts Premiere Career Expo for Prospective Health Care Professionals *9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Berchmans Hall*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary is hosting its first-ever Health Care Career Expo, an event designed to help prospective health care professionals get their careers off to a healthy start, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, in Berchmans Hall on the USM Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4th Street.

Attendees will be able to learn all about USM's health care programs, including the in-development Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program*, the highly-regarded Saint Mary Bachelor of Science in Nursing offerings, and USM's wealth of pre-professional health tracks.

“The University of Saint Mary is nationally recognized for meeting high standards of academic excellence. *The Princeton Review* has repeatedly named USM a ‘Best Midwestern College,’” said Dr. Bryan Le Beau, vice president for academic affairs. “Now, the university is expanding its commitment to educating the much-needed health care professionals of tomorrow. The USM Health Care Career Expo is a chance for prospective students to learn about all of the quality health care programs available here at Saint Mary and the impact students can have on improving the quality of life for their future patients.”

Participants at the expo will be able to tour the new, state-of-the-art DPT facilities in USM's historic Berchmans Hall as well as the Saint Mary Nursing Department and the university's science labs. Tours depart every half hour, starting at 10 a.m. Attendees will also see physical therapy equipment demos, meet one-on-one with USM's DPT, nursing, and science faculty, and get answers to their questions about Saint Mary health care programs.

Dr. Mark Horacek, director of USM's DPT program, notes that “the doctor of physical therapy is increasingly becoming the industry standard for practicing physical therapists. Physical therapy is a high demand field, and there are few programs in the Kansas City area offering a doctor-level program. At our health expo, you'll be able to learn about the USM program and our emphasis on developing key core values.”

Glenna Mahoney, director of USM's nursing programs, said “USM nursing has been recognized not only for the high quality of the nursing education we provide, but also for the high quality of our nursing students.”

Dr. Caroline Mackintosh, chair of USM's department of natural sciences and mathematics, said that perspective students should know about the sheer number of potential career paths available at USM—everything from pre-med to pre-chiropractic to pre-veterinary medicine.

“We work closely with students so they can major in whatever they want and still stay on the right path to meet their future goals,” she said.

Visit www.stmary.edu/expo or call (913) 682-5151 for more information on the expo.

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu for more information.

**The University of Saint Mary is seeking accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org). The program will submit an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status nor does it assure that the program will be granted Accreditation.*

###