

SIUE establishes 2 + 2 agreement with Lincoln Land in geography

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EDWARDSVILLE - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville continues to expand its 2+2 Partnership Programs with the establishment of its first such agreement with Lincoln Land Community College, in geography. The new partnership will better solidify a seamless transfer experience between the institutions and enable students to efficiently progress toward completion of their bachelor's.

"Working together with our community college partners makes so much sense in today's educational landscape," said Gregory Budzban, PhD, dean of the SIUE College of Arts and Sciences. "This agreement provides Illinois students new options to fulfill their career goals by providing access to the outstanding faculty in SIUE's geography program.

"We're particularly excited about this new relationship with Lincoln Land in geography. The advent of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technology is rapidly expanding the career opportunities in that area."

The 2+2 agreement emphasizes the University's collaborative spirit and its continued focus on the best interests of students.

"In SIUE's 2013 strategic plan, we set a goal to have 50 2+2 agreements in place by 2018," said Denise Cobb, PhD, and SIUE interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "Through the commitment and energy of our faculty, staff, and partners, we are very near this important goal. We hope this is the first of many program partnerships with Lincoln Land Community College."

For more information on the 2+2 program, visit <u>siue.edu/transfer/programs</u>.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville provides students with a high quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose to shape a changing world. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottomland and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of more than 14,000.