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Two new degree programs approved at USI Board of Trustees meeting

The USI Board of Trustees has approved two new degree programs. The programs are a Bachelor of Science degree in radiologic and imaging sciences and a post-baccalaureate Certificate in computer information systems. Both programs, upon approval of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, will be offered beginning in the fall of 1999.

The baccalaureate degree in radiologic and imaging sciences builds on the existing Associate of Science degree in that field. Associate-degree graduates and registered radiographers can enroll in the degree program to earn a four-year degree and to meet requirements for professional registry. Although designed to be a full-time program, classes in the new program will be offered evenings, weekends, and through distance learning to meet the needs of students who have employment and family commitments.

Graduates can expect to gain employment in hospitals, ambulatory care facilities, outpatient surgical centers, public health medical facilities, and mobile radiographic services.

The post-baccalaureate Certificate in computer information systems will provide college graduates an opportunity to achieve a working competency in computer information systems. With the 30-credit-hour program certificate, graduates will be prepared for employment as programmers, systems analysts, or information systems managers. It is designed for persons with baccalaureate degrees in other fields to gain a working competency in computer information systems. The program also is suited for professionals who find they must acquire the ability to operate and manage various aspects of their organization's information system in order to do their job effectively.

Dr. Phil Fisher, dean of the School of Business, said, "The outlook for employment with this certification is excellent." He cited occupational employment projections to 2006 in the *Monthly Labor Review*, November 1997 that listed the three fastest growing occupations as database administrators, computer support specialists, computer scientists, systems analysts, and computer engineers. He added that J. Michael Farr in the *Wall Street Journal Interactive* edition, on November 19, 1998, listed systems analysts and programmers among the 50 best jobs for the 21st century.

Successful completion of the program prepares a student to sit for the Certified Professional Examination sponsored by the Institute for the Certification of Computer Professionals.