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**NEED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
PROMPTS UD TO OFFER CLASSES AT NEW COLUMBUS LOCATION**

DAYTON, Ohio — Columbus-area school teachers and administrators pursuing master's degrees or additional certifications won't have to travel too far from home starting Sept. 13.

In addition to the University of Dayton classes offered at the Capital University campus, UD will begin offering classes this fall in one of the Twin Towers buildings located on Morse Road off Interstate 71's Exit 116.

"We had a meeting with about 20 Columbus-area superintendents to find out if our plans met their needs. They indicated that it did and encouraged us to pursue the project," said William Drury, assistant dean of special projects in UD's School of Education and Allied Professions.

UD recently signed a lease to share the tower's third-floor with the School Study Council of Ohio, an organization that is affiliated with 75 Columbus-area school districts. The organization, which often works with UD to identify and write grant proposals, will use the space during the day. Starting at 4:30 and 7 p.m., UD will offer seven classes and one workshop for programs leading to a UD master's of science degree or state certifications in special education, school or community counseling, reading/literacy specialization as well as principal and superintendent certifications.

"We're relying heavily on the reputation that we've built in the 20-plus years we've been in Columbus. We think that we have a strong product and a track record of success," Drury said.

"When we met with superintendents, there were two specific needs they pointed out," Drury said. "One was a shortage of high-quality building administrators — principals and assistant principals. The second category where there is a significant need is people with special education certification."

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Drury said the Buckeye Association of School Administrators has also identified a need for high-quality superintendents, "especially those people who want to work in urban environments."

The typical class size in the UD courses is 15-20 people. "We staff the off-campus courses with mostly our own faculty that we would have right here on the main campus. All of our faculty assume some off-campus teaching each year," Drury said.

Course work needed for a master's degree will be offered at the northwest Columbus location. However, in order to complete specific programs, students will have to take about 50 percent of their classes at Capital University or UD's main campus.

Registration for classes at the new location will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 31. The first term will run from Monday, Sept. 13, to Thursday, Dec. 16. For more information, call (937) 229-3399.

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