VCSU Online Program Earns National Ranking in U.S. News
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VALLEY CITY (NewsDakota.com) Valley City State University’s online Master of Education program earned national rankings in U.S. News & World Report’s first-ever edition of Top Online Education Programs.

Appearing in the category “Graduate Programs – Education,” VCSU’s is the only program offered by a North Dakota college or university to be ranked in this category.

VCSU president Steve Shirley said, “Our faculty and staff have worked tirelessly in building a program that is highly accessible, is of high quality, and meets the needs of education professionals throughout North Dakota and beyond.

In this first year of publication, U.S. News surveyed all 1,053 regionally accredited institutions it determined offered at least one master’s level program in education in 2010. It only considered programs with at least 80 percent of their course content available online and which could supply a full academic year’s worth of data (161 institutions).

The indicators in which VCSU’s program received a national ranking include:

- Student Services & Technology (ranked #51)
- Faculty Credentials & Training (ranked #57)
- Student Engagement & Accreditation (ranked #53)