Valley City State University earns national ranking

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.

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 ranking indicators applied some of the standards used for traditional schools and new measures specific to online programs. The indicators in which VCSU’s program received a national ranking include: Student Services & Technology (ranked 51st); Faculty Credentials & Training (ranked 57th); Student Engagement & Accreditation (ranked 53rd.)

More information on the rankings is available at http://www.usnews.com/education/online-education.