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ACC ANNOUNCES NEW SOCIAL WORK BACHELOR'S DEGREE PARTNERSHIP WITH WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

ALPENA, MICH. — Alpena Community College is announcing a new articulation agreement with Western Michigan University to provide a 2+2 agreement in Social Work. Under this agreement, students will complete the first two years of their program at ACC and then finish their degree with WMU.

This partnership provides an affordable and practical opportunity for career development in Social Work by enabling students to continue their studies locally. Cooperative degree programs allow students to transfer seamlessly to finish the requirements at another college. Students in this program will be able to complete the second half of their studies without leaving the Alpena area. While students will be enrolled at WMU, this collaboration offers a variety of modes of instruction including face-to-face, video conferencing, and online, as well as many new financial support options.

“This is a great opportunity for anyone who has thought about entering or expanding upon a career that helps others to reach their potential” said ACC Psychology and Sociology Instructor Dr. Amber Mclarney-Vesotski. She was interested in bringing this program to ACC because she saw the high need in the area and nationwide for social workers. “Several of my current students and past students, as well as community members working in the field, have already reached out and are planning to complete the program”

There will be an informational session held on Wednesday, November 2nd from 9-10 a.m. in Room 116 of the Newport Center at ACC. Faculty from WMU will be in attendance virtually to discuss the partnership and the opportunities that this will provide for students. Students and the public are invited to come learn more about how they can earn a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work right here in Alpena.

More information about the articulation agreement can be found under the Degrees & Programs section on the ACC website at https://discover.alpenacc.edu/programs/degrees_and_programs/index.php

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