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Rasmussen College Launches Computer Science Bachelor’s Degree Completion Program

MINNEAPOLIS (May 18, 2015)–Rasmussen College, a regionally accredited private college and Public Benefit Corporation, today announced the launch of a Computer Science Bachelor’s degree completion program. The program is designed to offer students real-life, hands-on learning experiences in a business context, using the most current technology through access to Amazon, Apple and Microsoft platforms. Graduates will be prepared to contribute to organizational success as business analysts, solutions architects, developers, analysts and solutions engineers.

“Mobile software applications and cloud computing have revolutionized the way we communicate and the way we do business,” said Dave Garrison, dean, Rasmussen College School of Technology. “As the world of technology advances, the need for individuals with technical software skills mixed with business intelligence, analytics and cloud and mobile computing expertise continues to grow. Working with CIOs from leading organizations across the country, we were able to design a Bachelor’s degree completion program that delivers practical training that prepares our students to be both business and technologically savvy.”

Computer Science Bachelor’s Degree
Rasmussen College’s Computer Science Bachelor’s degree completion program prepares students to analyze and evaluate business programs, design and illustrate technical solutions, code and deploy software applications and test and integrate information systems in day-to-day business operations. The degree is designed for working professionals committed to furthering their careers, as it is offered fully online and can be completed in as little as 18 months. It includes the Flex Choice option with a mix of faculty-led and self-paced courses to speed time to completion and reduce program costs. Students will also choose to specialize in either Apple iOS or Microsoft Universal Windows mobile application development.

Industry Certifications
As part of the curriculum, students will prepare to sit for industry relevant certifications including Amazon Web Services Certified Developer—Associate, Amazon Web Services Certified Solutions Architect, Microsoft Azure Solutions Architect, Microsoft Essentials of Developing Windows Store Apps Using HTML5 and JavaScript, Microsoft MCSD Web Applications Development and Developing Microsoft Azure and Web Services. Tuition includes the application fee for up to three of these certification exams.

A Growing Need in the Industry
The demand for professionals with Computer Science Bachelor’s degrees is expected to increase faster than the national average for all other career fields, with 23 percent growth for software
application developers by 2020. The result is a projected deficit of 140,000 professionals needed to fill the newly created positions.

“Although there are many traditional Computer Science Bachelor’s degree options, there are very few fully online completer programs,” said Garrison. “Our degree provides students an affordable option that will quickly prepare them to succeed in the workplace from day one—and will speed time to completion to help fill the workforce gap projected in the technology industry.”

Rasmussen College is currently enrolling for the summer semester, starting July 6. To be considered for admission, students must hold a conferred Associate’s degree from an accredited institution, as recognized by the Department of Education. Find more information or begin the enrollment process at http://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/technology/computer-science/.

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