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### Two New Associate's Degrees Offered by Western Governors University

#### *Associate of Science in Business and Associate of Applied Science in IT-CNE Ready for Enrollment*

SALT LAKE CITY - Western Governors University (WGU) today announced two new competency-based degree programs available from the online, distance education university. An associate of science in business (AS Business) and an associate of applied science in information technology/CNE (AAS IT-CNE) are now open for enrollment. The AS degree is WGU's first business degree, while the IT-CNE degree builds on WGU's previous offerings in information technology.

"WGU's entry into the field of business education is an exciting opportunity for the university," stated WGU provost, Dr. Chip Johnstone. "There are many adults in business whose expertise and experience have outpaced their education, and this degree will allow them to complete and certify their competence."

According to Dr. Dennis Bromley, faculty mentor for the program, the new AS in business is intended for individuals who have had extensive experience in business and other organizations. It features competencies in accounting, economics, marketing, management, legal foundations, and information technology.

The IT-CNE degree is intended for students who already possess Novell's CNE (Certified Novell Engineer) certification and would like to apply that certification toward a college degree. The CNE is one of the oldest and most prestigious of IT industry certifications. Individuals who have completed the CNE will have completed approximately one-fifth of the degree requirements for the IT-CNE degree. Students will add to their technical expertise competencies in math, language, general education, and collegiate academic reasoning skills.

Both new degree programs can be found on the WGU Web site where students can apply today.

#### **About WGU**

WGU is a degree-granting, competency-based, online, distance-education institution. With just a few clicks at [www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu), a student can find competency-based degree programs, an online catalog of quality distance-learning courses, an online library, bookstore, and one-on-one access to a personal WGU mentor, who will guide the student through his or her customized degree program. WGU was founded and is supported by 19 states and governors as well as 20 leading corporations and foundations. Current WGU competency-based degree offerings include an MA in learning & technology, an AA, three AAS degrees in information technology, and an AAS degree in electronics manufacturing technology.

