

Center of Excellence' status for UC

CHED confers highest academic status to UC IT education program

The University of the Cordilleras was recognized as one of the nation's top schools in Information Technology education (IT), when it was conferred the title/status of "Center of Excellence" by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

The other schools cited for the highest government recognition in IT education are; De La Salle University, Ateneo de Manila University, Cebu Institute of Technology, Asia Pacific College, and the University of the Philippines campuses at Diliman, Los Banos and the Visayas.

The official notice of award was announced in a letter of CHED Chairman Dr. Carlito S. Puno to OIC-President Reynaldo Agranzamendez dated March 1, 2007. (please refer to boxed letter)

UC also was informed of the awarding ceremony scheduled on March 23, 2007 at the Bayview Park Hotel, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

Center of Excel-

lence status is accorded to "...colleges with in higher education institutions offering distinct IT academic programs that have continuously exhibited excellent qualities in producing quality IT professionals relevant to the needs of the industry and in research and extension services" (CHED memorandum 19 series of 2006).

"When an institution manifests excellence and consistently shows high performance, the institution will be elevated to the highest recognition which is COE" reiterated Dr. Mon Santiago, Supervising Education Specialist of CHED-Cordillera. He said this is the very first time for CHED national office

to issue COE recognition in the field of information technology education.

Dean Flores of UC College of Information and Computing Sciences (CICS) said that UC has long been consistent in offering quality IT education.

In November 2006, UC's Computer Science program was accredited Level-II by Philippine Accrediting Association of School Colleges and Universities (PAASCU).

UC offers the following courses: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSICS), B.S. in Information Technology (BSIT), B.S. in Information Management (BSIM) and a two-year course, Associate in Computer Technology (ACT).

Ranked with the very best!



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<i>De La Salle University</i>
<i>Ateneo de Manila University</i>
<i>University of the Philippines (Los Banos)</i>
<i>University of the Philippines (Diliman)</i>
<i>Angeles University Foundation</i>
<i>Cebu Institute of Technology</i>
<i>Asia Pacific College</i>
<i>University of the Cordilleras</i>
<i>University of the Philippines (Visayas)</i>

UC is center for IT master's degree

Only 8 schools accredited nationwide

College Instructors in Information Technology throughout Northern Luzon have a chance to earn the degree of Master in Information Technology (MIT) under full scholarship by CHED at the University of the Cordilleras.

UC is one of only eight higher education institutions in the country and the only one north of Manila granted authority with subsidy by government as a delivering institution in MIT.

"This is another award under the CHED Faculty Development Program (FDP)," explained Dean Nancy Flores of the College of Information and Computing Sciences of UC

(UC-CICS). The FDP is a component of CHED's Higher Education Development Project that aims to upgrade the academic qualifications of tertiary level faculty members.

At least 62 IT faculty in Northern Luzon are availing of the government scholarship grant at UC.

The UC offered-program started in January 2006 and is now availed by 18 Higher Education Institutions from as far as Romblon, Pangasinan, La Union, Isabela, Nueva Viscaya and the Cordillera provinces.

Scholars benefit from free tuition and school fees, monthly stipend amount-

ing from P4,000 for part-time scholars to P8,000 for full-time scholars, including other benefits such as transportation allowance, book allowance and substitute assistance.

UC's MIT is a non-thesis program that may be completed in 6 trimesters for full-time scholars or 7 trimesters for part-time scholars. Currently, UC holds the record of the delivering HEIs for having the most number of scholars under the CHED-Faculty Development Program.

The scholarship program is still open to new applicants of the CHED faculty development thrust.



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ATTY. REYNALDO U. AGRANZAMENDEZ
President
University of the Cordilleras
Baguio City

Dear Atty. Agranzamendez:
Mabuhay!

*Awarding Ceremonies
of the
Center of Excellence (COE)
in Information Technology
on Friday, March 23, 2007 at 11:00am
Bayview Park Hotel, Roxas Boulevard, Manila*

The Commission of Higher Education in cooperation with the Technical Panel for Information Education (TPITE) would like to extend its heartfelt greetings and congratulations to the Information Technology Department / College of your institution for having been identified as a Center of Excellence (COE) in Information Technology Education for the period starting March 1, 2007 to December 31, 2010.

Your institution was chosen based on the criteria set by the TPITE and approved by the Commission. The Commission also recognizes your commitment to the continuous improvement of the field and your capability to serve as a role model in information technology education. It is with this resolve that the Commission deems your Department/College as worthy of taking a leadership role in assisting other institutions to develop their own IT programs.

Again Congratulations! We hope that this honor would continue to inspire you to achieve greater heights in Information Technology Education and provide the best education possible to your students.

Very truly yours,
(Signed)
CARLITO S. PUNO, Ph.D.
Chairman

Presidency of IT educators society for UC Dean Nancy M. Flores

UC Dean Nancy M. Flores was elected national President of the Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators (PSITE) at the 9th PSITE national convention held in Baguio City on February 8-10, 2007.

PSITE, founded in 1997, has a membership of over a thousand IT educators in the 14 regions nationwide.

The organization serves as a venue for supporting and nurturing the development of IT faculty members, curricula, projects, researches, resources, linkages as well as policy recommendations related to IT education in the country.

Embodying the new generation of academic hands-on managers, Dean Flores is the first-ever PSITE National President from outside Metro Manila.

Dean Flores is also a member of the Faculty Development Program, Technical Panel for IT Education of CHED.

Under her leadership and initiative, UC and other PSITE member schools have teamed up with the Semiconductor and Electronic Industries in the Philippines, Inc. (SEIPI)-Association of SEIPI Information Technology Executives and Professionals to ex-

pose students to industry standards.

"Broadening the horizons of students can only be done by immersing them in the field and letting them have a feel of real-world situations."

"Ms. Flores' ability to perform under pressure makes her an ideal president for PSITE", says PSITE Founding Chair Dr. Cecile Anido, FEU VP for Academics.



"TEAM EXCELLENCE". The UC College of Information and Computing Sciences (UC-CICS) faculty team. (L-R first row: Joan Peralta, Pamela Bang-as, Beverly Nobres, Ma. Asuncion Maglaqui, Dean Nancy Flores, Natividad Concepcion, Melinda Aboy and Julie Cuaño; 2nd row: George Villa, Walter Mang-usan, Rommel Rosales, Felipe Pati Jr., Jude Martinez, Nathaniel Lubrica, Rainier Rufino, Paolo Aguilar, Eliseo Ruiz, Steve Marrero and Ariel Lachica.)

'Diwata ng Cordillera' stuns & enchants festival crowd

▲ Grand Prize winner of the 2007 Baguio flower festival



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