

UMT Gears to Prepare a New Generation of Professionals

It takes a global higher learning community

ARLINGTON, VA, USA, June 16, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Since 1998, the <u>University of Management and</u> <u>Technology (UMT)</u> has built a strong global higher learning community through its online and distance education. Geographical boundaries do not limit UMT and its students who reside in 50 states, the District of Columbia, 4 US territories in the United States, and more than 80 countries worldwide. As of June 2017, UMT has provided various levels of education programs to 22,691 students. Of these, 11,599 have earned



their degrees from UMT. Majority of them are working professionals.

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UMT Industry Council Member today than ever. The expectation among today's employers that are looking to hire workers whose salaries are far above minimum wage is that new employees have the knowledge and skills necessary to hit the ground running. In the old days, many companies provided extensive training and education to develop a strong workforce. This is no longer true. To get good jobs that lead to a bright future, during the job interview you need to demonstrate you have the capability to do the job right now. The most effective way to acquire the needed knowledge and skills is through a college or professional school education.

There is a big debate in the United States as to whether people really need higher education credentials to do the jobs

they do. That's an interesting theoretical question. But practically speaking, if you want to get the good jobs, you need the credentials. Recent data shows that in troubling economic times, the people who get the good jobs are those with the appropriate credentials. This was highlighted in a study carried out by the Georgetown University Center on Education and Workforce. It found that during the worst period of unemployment during the economic recession of the late 2000s, when unemployment reached a whopping 9.6%, 70% of the people hired had bachelors or associates degrees. Historically, 70% of the jobs went to high school grads during recessions. But no more. Today you need the right education credentials.

UMT has designed its programs to provide its students with the knowledge and skills that employers are looking for. Its faculty have both the academic credentials and real-world experience to deliver courses that address the needs of employers. Throughout the year, faculty and subject matter experts review all the courses UMT delivers to refresh them and keep them up-to-date. Its learning platform infrastructure is state-of-the-art, enabling students to study online anywhere, any time, and using any device. Students can access whatever information they need about their learning effort through individualized student portals. Each student portal delivers one-stop shopping, enabling students to register for courses 24/7, access their course sites, receive and submit homework assignments, communicate with other students through forum discussions, review their transcripts, pay their bills, and more.

While the quality of <u>UMT academic</u> <u>programs</u> is on par with what traditional schools offer, the learning experience is very different. It is geared toward adult learners who want to move forward as



UMT Graduation



2016 UMT Graduates

quickly as possible to achieve their number one goal: to earn a degree that validates their knowledge and expertise. With degree in hand, they can apply for jobs that may have been out of their reach previously.

UMT expedites the learning effort by recognizing that often, its students have accumulated substantial transfer credit from schoolwork carried out in the military and at multiple institutions over a period of time. UMT accepts up to 75% transfer credit for undergrad students, and 50% transfer credit for graduates. In counseling new students, it encourages them to pursue studies in areas where they already have a competitive advantage. For example, if you are a soldier with plenty of military experience, perhaps you should consider studies in criminal justice or homeland security. When you are done with your degree, you can couple your military work experience and your education to present yourself in an attractive way. Another example: if you have several years' experience working on projects, perhaps a degree in project management makes sense, so that in job interviews you can say: "Yes, I have both the experience and the education needed for this job."

Because UMT online courses are self-paced, highly motivated students can complete their programs faster than at traditional semester-driven schools. If through hard work a student can complete a course in six weeks, then let him finish it and move on to the next course. The workload for self-paced courses is the same whether a student completes the course in six or a dozen weeks. While everyone experiences the same load of work, those who work harder get through faster. On the other hand, students who are juggling work and family responsibilities can opt to go through their courses at a more relaxed pace.

The University of Management and Technology's academic counseling service enables students to customize their programs to address their specific desires, skills and achievements. Whenever students enroll in the programs of the University of Management and Technology, they are assigned a counselor who provides them an Individual Learning Plan that serves their best interests. No two students have the identical learning plan, because each plan is tweaked to account for the student's past learning, current learning interests, and future career plans.

UMT is an ideal choice for students who are looking for an affordable school that accepts the coursework they have completed; enables them to work flexibly toward the degree; and provides counseling that lets them put together a program that serves them best in pursuing their careers.

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