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### **Charles Sturt University campus expands program offerings**

An Australian-based university with a campus in Burlington is expanding its program selection.

Last Friday, Charles Sturt University received Ontario government consent to offer three new degrees from its Burlington campus starting later this year.

The Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities in Ontario, John Milloy, has given Sturt the go-ahead to offer a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Studies, a Master of Business Administration degree and a Master of International Education (School Leadership) degree.

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies degree, developed in collaboration with nearby Mohawk and Sheridan colleges, allows those already working in the field to upgrade their qualifications to degree level.

Sturt will start taking students for the program this August/September. There will be up to 25 full-time students and 25 part-timers building to 50-80 full-time students over the next few years. The program takes two years for full-timers and four years for part-timers. The cost is \$1,600 per course.

The Master of Business Administration program is designed to improve the skills of professionals combining best practices of Australian, Canadian and international business environments.

It will take in up to 25 students this August/September and up to 70 by the fourth year. It is a two to four-year part-time program. The cost is \$1,800 per course.

The Master of International Education (School Leadership) program will begin taking up to 50 students this July. The study period is two years part time. The cost is \$1,500 per course.

Since 2005, Charles Sturt University in Ontario has offered its Bachelor of Primary Education Studies degree, graduating 200 students annually from its Burlington campus, located in the Bay Area Learning Centre, 860 Harrington Ct. (off Harvester Road).

“Increasing our program offerings in Ontario is significant, particularly in the current economic climate,” Ian Goulter, professor, vice-chancellor and president of Charles Sturt University, said in a news release.

“We’ve already made considerable progress in these areas with Charles Sturt University’s Bachelor of Primary Education Studies, which has been successfully running in Ontario for more four years now,” said Goulter.

Each year, more than 500 applicants compete for 200 spots in the Bachelor of Primary Education Studies.