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**INTO Oregon State University Receives Five Year Accreditation
for Academic and General English**

*The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation Bestows Maximum Tenure
of Accreditation on the Center's English Language Programs*

CORVALLIS, OR (August 27, 2013) – INTO Oregon State University (INTO OSU) and INTO University Partnerships (INTO) today announced the Academic English and General English Program at INTO OSU received a five-year accreditation from the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). The endorsement is an indication of the quality and strength of INTO OSU's English language program. Half of universities that apply for accreditation receive the five-year term, which will last until August 2018 for OSU and is the maximum length of time a program can be certified by the accrediting agency.

The accreditation marks a change in policy for CEA, which did not recognize public-private partnerships, like the one between INTO and Oregon State University when INTO OSU was established. The policy was modified in 2011 in response to the changing English as a Second Language landscape and involvement from INTO to include public-private partnerships.

“OSU and INTO OSU are establishing a new way to deliver language programs on campus as part of advancing a comprehensive internationalization agenda. Many innovations in higher education are met with resistance at first so this adjustment in policy from CEA is a great step in opening up the model for how private companies and public institutions can partner,” said David Stremba, Managing Director, North America at INTO University Partnerships.

After CEA modified its policy, INTO OSU re-started the process of having its English programs accredited. The accreditation process began with staff members from INTO OSU attending a training held by CEA in March 2011. Then in February 2013 the team submitted a nearly 300-page report outlining how INTO OSU met the established requirements of all 11 areas defined by the standards: Administrative and Fiscal; Curriculum; Facilities, Equipment and Supplies; Faculty; Length and Structure of

Programs; Mission; Program Development, Planning and Review; Recruitment; Student Achievement; and Student Services. Two months later, in April 2013, CEA completed a site visit to INTO OSU and the Center team was able to respond to the site visit report with their own document to address any comments.

“The CEA accreditation confirms what we already know - that INTO OSU’s Academic English and General English programs meet the highest standards set by the U.S Higher Education ESL community. It’s the culmination of a two year process which has been driven by staff throughout INTO OSU and OSU and we are happy with the outcome of that dedication and hard work,” said Bob Gilmour, Director of Academic Programs at INTO OSU.

English language training programs at institutions of higher education in the U.S. must either be accredited by the regional or national accrediting body that accredits programs at the university, or must have their own accreditation. For students considering INTO OSU, the certification is a guarantee of assurance that the English Language Programs at the Center have met the highest benchmark standards set by the United States English as a Second Language community and the U.S. Secretary of Education.

In the fall, INTO OSU anticipates having roughly 1,400 students enrolled in English language and Pathway programs. INTO OSU students who are enrolled in the Pathway programs are performing as well or better than directly admitted international students; for example as of December 2012 (the latest data available) undergraduate Pathway students achieved a GPA .2 points greater than international students who were directly admitted.

To learn more about the INTO OSU Center visit <http://www.into-corporate.com/en-gb/our-centres/usa-into-centers/into-oregon-state-university.aspx>.

About INTO University Partnerships

Universities partner with INTO to advance their ambitious comprehensive internationalization agendas. INTO’s deeply embedded joint ventures create a globally diverse and integrated campus, improve the overall student experience, and increase international students’ access to higher education. Through INTO’s resources and expertise institutions expand their ability to create highly supportive academic environments, establish state-of-the-art learning and living spaces and deliver university-designed programs. Since 2006, INTO has established partnerships with 17 universities in the UK, the US and China. These partnerships have helped more than 5,000 international students from over 100 countries begin their academic studies at partner institutions in North America, including Oregon State University, the University of South Florida, Colorado State University and Marshall University. More information can be found at www.into-corporate.com or follow INTO @INTOnetwork.