

PRESS RELEASE

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**ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR MITAGS
CHIEF MATE / MASTER COURSE GRADUATES**

Glen Paine, Executive Director of the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), announces an agreement with the American Public University System (APUS) to allow transfer of academic credit earned from MITAGS Chief Mate/Master (CMM) License Advancement Program courses into APUS Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs.

This agreement provides MITAGS CMM program students up to one third of the credits required to complete their Master of Arts Degree program. With this agreement, upon completion of the MITAGS CMM program, APUS, through its affiliates American Public University and American Military University, will accept up to twelve (12) semester hour credits towards the Transportation and Logistics Management M.A. Degree program.

Other degree programs will vary on the amount of transfer credit to be accepted. For example, a student who seeks an M.A. in Management will be able to transfer credit from CMM to waive Human Resource Management, a major course requirement and three credit hours of an elective. CMM students will have the option to consider over thirty graduate degrees, which will be eligible for transfer credit, up to a maximum of twelve.

All APU courses are delivered exclusively on-line to allow mariners to complete their educational goals wherever they are world-wide.

“These transfer credits will allow a MITAGS merchant mariner to leverage their MITAGS classes into degrees which will provide an even stronger foundation for their future maritime careers” say Irv Varkonyi, Marketing Manager, Transportation and Logistics Programs at APU.

CMM students can apply for enrollment at APU/AMU as transfer students. While awaiting confirmation of their transfer credits, students are permitted to register for classes. Full transfer credit will be awarded only after completion of the Chief Mate-Master Program and submission of their CMM Program Completion Certificate, issued by the MITAGS Registrar.

American Public University System (APUS) is the 2009 recipient of the Sloan Consortium's prestigious Ralph E. Gomory Award for Quality Online Education and is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association and nationally accredited by the Accrediting Commission, Distance Education and Training Council.

"This ground-breaking agreement finally affords merchant mariners the opportunity to pursue and complete their graduate degrees from anywhere they have access to the internet, no matter where and when they travel throughout their maritime career" says Victor Tufts, Program Manager at MITAGS.

The MITAGS is an open campus dedicated to the education and training of all mariners. For additional information, please contact Mr. Victor Tufts, Program Manager, at 443-989-3531 or via e-mail at vtufts@mitags.org. You may also visit the MITAGS website at www.mitags.org or the American Public University Systems Admissions Department at (877) 777-9081 or visit the APUS website at: www.amu.apus.edu.