

KC and city of Sycamore to partner on 'Sycamore U'

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Kishwaukee College and the city of Sycamore have launched a new innovative partnership, "Sycamore U".

The program provides leadership training for city employees. Employees completing the four-course program will earn a leadership certificate. The courses are part of the Associate in Applied Science in Marketing Management degree at Kish. Upon program completion, participants will have completed the first semester of the degree. The first course will begin this month.



The program was developed for the city of Sycamore's leadership development and career advancement needs.

Maggie Peck, human resources director for the city of Sycamore, said in a news release, "Our vision is an opportunity for employees to empower their education. We picked four courses, with the help of Kish College that we believe will help employees grow."

The program is being offered at City Hall in Sycamore one night a week, to make it convenient for employees.

"This is truly a collaboration to meet the needs of local employers," LaCretia Konan, director of Business & Training Partnerships at Kish, said in the release. "We're proud to be a leader in providing innovative, quality education to our community."

Several people are already enrolled and there is room for more.

"I am confident it will continue to grow over time and we will see additional classes being offered with many of these employees choosing to continue on to either a two or four-year degree," Peck said in the release.

Kishwaukee College President Laurie Borowicz shared her thoughts on the new program.

"We are so pleased to partner with the city of Sycamore and offer a program specifically designed to meet their workforce needs," she said in the release. "This is the role of the community college."

For more information about "Sycamore U" and the Supervision Leadership Training certificate or to register, contact LaCretia Konan, director of Business & Training Partnerships at Kish, at 815-825-9791 or lkonan1@kish.edu.