

Community Advisory Councils Reciprocity of Community/University Partnerships

All seven programs in the **College of Health and Human Services** – Health Administration, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Nursing, Addictions Studies, and Communications Disorders – have advisory boards, as does the College itself.

The **College of Education** has advisory boards in Multicategorical Special Education, Early Childhood Education, Alternative Certification, Masters in Educational Administration, and Bachelors in Elementary Education. Through these community advisory boards, comprised of superintendents, principals, teachers and community stakeholders, programs and faculty in Education have been able to bridge with the community and obtain input as to how these programs are serving the community and the directions they should pursue. The College of Education has also established the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE), which provides collaborative services to constituencies in education. It serves and represents 66 school districts in Cook, Kankakee, Iroquois, and Will counties.

In the **College of Business and Public Administration**, the Public Administration program has a community advisory board that helps place students in internships and graduates in jobs, as well as informing the program of community needs. The various programs within Business have Center-Point which works with new start-up businesses in the region, providing them with expertise, interns and, in turn, informing their programs as to the economic and business needs of the community.

In the **College of Arts and Sciences** there are at least five community advisory boards which assist in program assessments and direction. For example, the Art program has an advisory council that includes representatives of the University's eight community college dual degree partners. Together they plan regional art exhibitions and promote regional art competition. The graduate Political and Justice Studies program has an advisory council that was used as a "focus group" in putting together a proposal, which was approved by the IBHE, for a new undergraduate major in political science.