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**Boston University Genealogical Research Program
Receives ACE College Credit Recommendation**

Boston, Massachusetts—The American Council on Education’s College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT) has evaluated and recommended college credit for Boston University’s Genealogical Research program. Overseen by the Center for Professional Education (CPE) at BU’s Metropolitan College, the certificate program received a recommendation for 3 semester hours in genealogical research, in the graduate degree category.

For prospective and current students in the CPE Genealogical Research program, the recommendation means that the sum of their coursework in genealogical research is equivalent to a 3-credit, graduate-level college course. The ACE Transcript Service offers a lifelong record for students who have successfully completed the CPE Genealogical Research program. This service enables adult learners to present a nationally recognized transcript to the college or university of their choice for the potential award of academic credit.

“There is a somewhat arbitrary chasm between ‘credit’ and ‘non-credit’—and this validation from ACE helps to bridge that chasm,” says Metropolitan College Dean Jay Halfond. “We are very proud of this high-quality educational program—and glad to see it is worthy of academic credit, as determined by America’s leading higher education association.”

CPE's Genealogical Research curriculum focuses on current genealogical technologies and research methods that reflect the exacting standards and investigative best practices used by professionals. Developed in collaboration with, and taught by, some of the foremost genealogists in the country, the course of study employs lectures, demonstrations, hands-on learning, workbook exercises, practice activities, and open discussions to help students identify and evaluate evidence, design research strategies, and write quality reports.

Bestselling author and educator Elizabeth Shown Mills—a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and one of only fifty lifetime members of the society—originally reviewed the Boston University program. According to Mills, the ACE recommendation underscores the quality of BU's Genealogical Research program. "Once again, Boston University is an academic pioneer. With the credit recommendation of its professional certificate program in genealogical research, it now offers a unique and stellar option for advanced students who seek laboratory training to prepare them for research careers."

Offered in classroom and online formats, the course serves as excellent preparation for those experienced practitioners who seek certification through the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

Certificate program sessions are held in the fall and spring. The next online course starts in September 2012; the spring classroom format starts in January 2013. For more information on the Genealogical Research course of study and other certificate programs offered at Boston University's Center for Professional Education, call 1-866-633-9370 or visit bu.edu/professional.

About Boston University's Center for Professional Education

As part of Boston University's Metropolitan College, the Center for Professional Education (CPE) offers comprehensive classroom and online training to meet the professional education and certification needs of industries such as commercial real estate, financial services, and law, among others. Visit bu.edu/professional for full details.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. With more than 33,000 students, it is the fourth-largest independent university in the United States. BU consists of 16 schools and colleges, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes integral to the University's research and teaching mission.

As one of the University's 16 degree-granting bodies, Metropolitan College (MET) offers over 60 part-time undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs, providing a flexible learning environment that supports the academic, professional, and intellectual needs of working adults. Along with convenient evening classes, Metropolitan College also offers a variety of high-quality online and blended-format programs. For more information, visit bu.edu/met.

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