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With funding from MedCerts and the Department of Defense, the Lutigert College of Business's Dr. Walter Rodriguez and industry partners have developed an online resource to deliver online certification training programs in the healthcare information systems administration (HISA) area. The online resource helps prepare students for high-demand, portable careers using individualized, stackable, training course-modules including information technology (IT) and medical administrative assistant certifications.

The career certification training programs are offered as non-credit continuing-education and do not lead to an academic degrees. But provide the necessary skills to earn nationally recognized certifications. The main beneficiaries, at this point, are military spouses as well as underemployed, unemployed, disabled and dislocated workers. But, also individuals interested in changing careers or improving their information-age skills, asynchronously (anytime/anyplace).

Interestingly, the short course-modules (most, lasting only three to six months) are taught using self-paced learning technologies that adapt to the students' learning needs. So, students and participants can set their own learning schedule and pace, in a ubiquitous learning environment, depending on their time-constraints and goals. So far, the program has served around 700 military spouses and generated over \$3 million in revenues.

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