

Open House at UCCI Showcases New Programmes

Business professionals and public servants who are seeking to energize their careers are invited to an Open House at UCCI's Professional Development Centre (PDC), located above the campus library. The Open House will begin at 5:30 on Thursday, October 10th and last until 7 p.m.

Dr. J.D. Mosley-Matchett, UCCI's Director of Graduate Studies and Professional Development, explains the strategy behind the new programme offerings that the Open House will showcase. "The graduate and professional development programmes at UCCI have all been completely revamped to meet international standards. The new Executive Certificate in Global Leadership features visiting lecturers from the USA and Canada. The two new Master's programmes in business and public administration come from the internationally recognised Commonwealth of Learning curricula. UCCI is preparing its adult learners for success in the global workplace."

This Open House is an opportunity for managers to see first-hand how the new programmes at UCCI's Professional Development Centre can make them more competitive in a changing employment environment. As Dr. Mosley-Matchett notes, "Guaranteed continuous employment is a thing of the past. To remain valuable at work, managers must constantly hone their skills and expand their thinking. Remain current and relevant or be passed over--those are the only choices in today's global, high-tech job market."

A special-edition iPad Mini that comes pre-loaded with course materials will be received by each registrant for the new programmes. Students will use the devices to underscore advances in the use of technology in the workplace. In addition, the Professional Development Centre features wireless Internet connections, digital projectors, and Apple TVs or SmartBoards in its classrooms. That means each student will be able to wirelessly display projected images without being tied to a bulky cable. Another benefit is the ability to dynamically share relevant images, data, sound files, and videos with the rest of the class.

The pre-configured iPad Mini weighs only half of a pound, but can hold volumes of texts and research materials. This allows each student to "travel light", but never unsupported. Solutions to business problems are often just a finger-swipe away. UCCI's professional development programmes provide the training to find those solutions.

Classes in the Professional Development Centre at UCCI begin on October 25th. Registration closes on October 18th. Full details are offered via the Centre's landing page at www.PDC.ky or through the PDC

portal at www.UCCI.edu.ky. Emailed inquiries can be sent to PDC@ucci.edu.ky. Or call 623-0546 to speak with Ms. Diane Campbell, UCCI's Deputy Registrar.

The College of Business Studies and Professional Development at the University College of the Cayman Islands is an Educational Member of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), and has affirmed its commitment to excellence in business education. UCCI upholds this commitment by developing intellectually challenging and globally recognised opportunities for its students, such as the new Executive Certificate in Global Leadership and the Commonwealth of Learning Master's degree programmes.

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Caption:

Every person who registers for the new Executive Certificate in Global Leadership receives a special-edition iPad Mini, pre-loaded with course materials.

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Notes to Editors

University College of the Cayman Islands

UCCI is an institution of higher learning that contributes to the Caymanian society by advancing knowledge and developing creative graduates, and through its cultural, social, economic and environmental activities. "We will admit all students with the potential and passion to learn. We will challenge students intellectually and prepare them for life in the global market place".

The goals of the University College of the Cayman Islands are:

- *To provide high quality education in career, liberal arts and transfer programmes;*
- *To encourage the maximum development of student potentials;*
- *To develop the competence of undergraduate students in basic skills;*
- *To prepare students in career programmes to meet the standards and competencies required for employment;*
- *To foster social and political awareness and involvement in the community through academic programmes and extra-curricular activities;*
- *To respond to the varied educational needs of the local community through a broad range of continuing education, career training and community service programmes;*
- *To develop new educational programmes in response to the economic development needs of the community in collaboration with the Cayman Islands Government, the Chamber of Commerce, and other local associations;*
- *To provide a systematic process of review that assures the realisation of the mission and goals of the University College.*

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