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### **APPA and The University of Texas at San Antonio Partnering to Create Unique Learning Opportunities for Facilities Professionals**

**November 13, 2020, Alexandria, VA** – In a unique collaboration, APPA has partnered with The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) to offer its educational facilities management certification to students in the university’s facilities management academic program.

UTSA’s Facilities Management online graduate certificate program consists of five courses designed to provide students the skills and knowledge they need in management, operations and leadership to become a fully qualified facilities manager. While enrolled in the program, UTSA students will have access to APPA’s Certified Educational Facilities Professional (CEFP) credential at a significant discount. Reciprocally, APPA members enrolled in the graduate facility management program at UTSA will receive a tuition discount.

“Today, there is a sharper focus on the safety and sustainability of the places where people live, work and learn,” says Lander Medlin, APPA Executive Vice President. “The professional-development partnership between APPA and UTSA ensures that those working in this growing field will be equipped to meet today’s challenges and embrace tomorrow’s opportunities.”

Like the UTSA program, APPA’s recognized CEFP credential can be completed online, and thus, there are no additional travel costs or time away from the office. Participants have 24/7 access to APPA’s customized learning portal with a variety of self-directed resources. In addition, live webinars with expert educational facilities-management facilitators provide helpful and relevant information that can be put to use on a campus right away.

For students who want to take the academic credentials to the next level, UTSA is introducing a Master of Science degree in Facilities Management beginning in the fall of 2021, pending SACSCOC approval. Both the certificate and the degree are granted through UTSA’s College of Architecture, Construction and Planning.

“We at UTSA are very excited to be partnering with APPA to offer a high-quality graduate education with ‘stackable’ certificates and degrees, alongside APPA’s delivery of their CEFP credential to qualified students,” says Dave Riker, Coordinator of UTSA’s Online Facility Management Program. “Graduates of UTSA’s graduate facilities management program who also earn APPA’s CEFP credential will be well equipped to take on the many challenges facing today’s facilities management community.”

Complete information about UTSA's graduate certificate can be found at <https://online.utsa.edu/facilities> . Those interested in learning more about APPA's CEFPP credential can visit us at [www.appa.org/cefp-credential/](http://www.appa.org/cefp-credential/) .

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is a Hispanic Serving University specializing in cyber, health, fundamental futures, and social-economic development. With more than 32,000 students, it is the largest university in the San Antonio metropolitan region. UTSA advances knowledge through research and discovery, teaching and learning, community engagement and public service. The university embraces multicultural traditions and serves as a center for intellectual and creative resources as well as a catalyst for socioeconomic development and the commercialization of intellectual property—for Texas, the nation and the world.

APPA, previously known as the Association of Physical Plant Administrators, promotes leadership in educational facilities for professionals seeking to build their careers, transform their institutions and elevate the value and recognition of facilities in education. APPA is the association of choice for more than 12,000 educational facilities professionals from 1,300 educational institutions in North America. APPA is recognized as an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer.