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**Texas Wesleyan University and Tarrant County College offer revolutionary
computer information systems degree**

FORT WORTH, Nov. 15 – Texas Wesleyan University will offer a new computer information systems (CIS) undergraduate degree, beginning Jan. 2003, in partnership with Tarrant County College (TCC). The reception to celebrate the degree partnership will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 5:30 p.m. at TCC's Southeast Campus in the Campus Conference Center (room C200), located at 2100 Southeast Parkway.

The Bachelor of Science in CIS will integrate two years of computer technology training from TCC with two and a half years of Wesleyan business core classes and liberal arts degree requirements. The mission of the CIS program is to prepare students for careers in designing, managing and reengineering information systems in the workplace.

The new CIS degree gives an advantage to applied technology students who need to transfer course credit hours from TCC to Wesleyan. Traditionally, universities accept only minimal transfer credits from community colleges. To apply for a CIS degree, students must first earn an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree from TCC in specified applied technology

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programs. Students who have completed their AAS degree will transfer to Wesleyan for the second phase of the program. At Wesleyan, students will complete core business classes in CIS and business disciplines and the general education classes required for a liberal arts degree.

“Right now there’s a gap in the information technology [IT] field,” said CIS degree partnership coordinator Dr. Thomas Bell, associate professor of management information systems at Texas Wesleyan University. “Computer science and MIS students receive two halves of the big picture but can’t necessarily put them together. This degree is unique because it will enable them to do that.”

The Bachelor of Science in CIS requires a minimum of 146 credit hours of undergraduate work, with approximately 66 hours from Tarrant County College. Transfer students with an approved IT certificate will be eligible to receive academic credit. Each TCC campus will offer the CIS transfer program, and Bell anticipates a large market of interested students based on high student enrollment numbers in TCC’s applied technologies program.

For more information about Texas Wesleyan University’s innovative computer information systems degree program, contact the Texas Wesleyan University Office of Admission at 817-531-4422.

Texas Wesleyan University, founded in 1890 by the United Methodist Church, has a tradition of integrating the liberal arts and sciences with professional and career preparation. Wesleyan’s main campus is located in east Fort Worth and extends to downtown Fort Worth, where the Texas Wesleyan School of Law resides.

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