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The Institutes Enter Agreement With Ashford University
Partnership to provide college credits for insurance professionals

MALVERN, Pa.— The Institutes have entered into an alliance agreement with Bridgepoint Education's Ashford University. Through the agreement, insurance industry professionals who have taken approved coursework through The Institutes will receive credit which may be applicable toward a bachelor's degree from Ashford University. Additionally, students may be able to transfer up to 59 semester credits and apply previously taken coursework toward a concentration in insurance and risk management.

"Many people have chosen to get insurance industry-specific knowledge from The Institutes, only to decide later they want to earn a traditional degree," said Connor Harrison, director of custom products for The Institutes. "Ashford University offers people a way to earn a traditional degree in an untraditional way. This agreement enables our students and graduates to leverage their achievements with us into a degree program they want. Ashford makes college credit transfer easy, painless, and oftentimes free."

"Ashford University is proud to be able to add value to the extensive training insurance professionals have participated in through The Institutes," said Dr. Jane McAuliffe, chief academic officer for Bridgepoint Education. "This partnership will allow thousands of insurance professionals, who have already been proactive in their education, to use the training toward earning a college degree which, in many cases, is necessary for advancement within their organizations."

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About The Institutes

The Institutes are the leader in delivering proven knowledge solutions that drive powerful business results for the risk management and property-casualty insurance industry.

The Institutes' knowledge solutions include the CPCU designation program; associate designation programs in areas such as claims, risk management, underwriting, and reinsurance; introductory and foundation programs; online courses; research; custom solutions; assessment tools; and continuing education (CE) courses for licensed insurance professionals and adjusters through its CEU.com business unit.

About Ashford University

Founded in 1918, Ashford University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (www.ncahlc.org). The University offers graduate and undergraduate degree programs online and at its Clinton, Iowa, campus. The University is known for its high quality yet highly affordable online and on-campus programs. For more information, please visit www.ashford.edu.