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Wittenberg joins nine-campus science program

Students will be able to take courses at any participating college or university.

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SPRINGFIELD — Nine Ohio universities and colleges will offer a multicampus, virtual computation science minor this fall, through the Ralph Regula School of Computational Science.

Students at the member schools, including Wittenberg, Wright State, and Central State universities, will be able to take courses offered at their own university as well as those offered through the other member universities, said Steven Gordon, director of education and client services at Ohio Supercomputer. OSC was a partner with the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Learning Network to create the program.

Multiple disciplines use computational science to simulate and

understand complicated mechanical and natural processes, Gordon said. "It is increasingly being used by scientists and engineers in

product development and drug development," he said.

For universities with existing computation science minors, such as Wittenberg, the program will allow students to take additional classes or create a more flexible class schedule, said Eric Stahlberg, Wittenberg's director of computer science. For others, such as Wright State, the program creates a new minor offering.

"There's a new ongoing push for universities to take advantage of specialties (at each university) to complement each other," said Thomas Sudkamp, professor at Wright State's department of computer science and engineering. "It is very possible that this will be a preview of other types of programs that are coming."

Rounding out the nine member universities and colleges are Sinclair Community College, Columbus State Community College, Ohio State University, Capital University and the University of Cincinnati.

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