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RIT launches MicroMasters program

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Rochester Institute of Technology has announced the launch of a new category of master's level online education.

The MicroMasters program is designed to offer learners the opportunity to advance their careers or follow a path to an accelerated, fully accredited advanced credential, university leaders said. It is in collaboration with edX, a nonprofit online learning destination with 90 global partners.

RIT's MicroMasters in Project Management is geared to provide learners with the tools needed to manage a team in any industry.

The online program consists of three modules and a final capstone exam equivalent to a semester's worth of work. Upon earning the MicroMasters, students can apply to RIT's School of Individualized Study for a customized master's degree in professional studies or an advanced certificate in project management. Either degree can be completed online or on campus.

"This is a terrific opportunity for RIT to engage with edX's more than 8 million learners and how RIT can help them advance their careers," said Jeremy Haefner, RIT provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs. "The MicroMasters program will allow those who might not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue an academic credential and at a reduced overall cost."

The MicroMasters program is 32 weeks of instruction over a 45-week period with the first modules beginning in January.

RIT is one of 14 universities around the world to offer MicroMasters programs.

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