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Villanova University Launches Industry's First Online Six Sigma Certification

TAMPA, FL (September 11, 2006) — Students who complete Villanova University's [online Six Sigma program](#) can now earn industry-recognized certification from the university. A comprehensive exam — available for Green Belt, Lean Sensei or Black Belt certification — is administered completely online, with results available immediately.

Villanova is the first university to offer [Six Sigma certification](#) online. Certified professionals enjoy instant recognition, credibility and respect for their accomplishment, notes George Eckes, the best-selling Six Sigma author and consultant who teaches the online courses.

"Earning your [Green Belt](#), [Lean Sensei](#) or [Black Belt](#) certification validates your commitment to quality, increases your earning potential, and offers you a competitive advantage in the workplace," said Eckes, whose clients have included Motorola, General Electric, Hewlett-Packard, Volvo and others. "In today's job market certification is an excellent way to distinguish yourself as the Six Sigma expert."

Villanova University's state-of-the-art, three-course master certificate program teaches professionals proven techniques for minimizing waste and improving efficiencies, empowering them with key skills to use immediately.

Re-certification is required every three years to ensure that students maintain the same level of knowledge demonstrated on their first exam. Students must earn at least nine Continuing Education Units (CEUs) by choosing from a wide variety of Villanova courses.

Founded in 1842, Villanova University is the worldwide leader in Six Sigma training online. A traditional, accredited university located in Villanova, Pennsylvania, it has more than 82,000 alumni, NCAA Division I athletic teams, unparalleled academic and technical support and an outstanding faculty. *U.S. News & World Report* has named Villanova University #1 in the "Best Universities – Master's, North Region" category for 17 consecutive years.

Villanova's online professional education programs are offered in conjunction with [University Alliance](#), America's largest provider of online-based degree and certificate programs from the nation's leading universities. Online offerings include professional certificate programs, along with AA, BA, BS, MBA and MS degrees. Students are able to conveniently interact with faculty and classmates online through streaming video, faculty-monitored chat rooms, message boards and email. Visit www.VillanovaU.com for more information.

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