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In an effort to meet the growing demand for online programs and courses, many universities are collaborating to create a network of web-based resources. For example, the New Century Learning Consortium (NCLC), which was founded at The University of Illinois Springfield, consists of 10 postsecondary schools.

Sam Houston State University (SHSU) recently announced in a press release that it is the latest member of the consortium. Partners in the NCLC develop online classes as well as share research projects, IT and peer support at the upper administration level.

"The university recognizes the need for inter-institutional cooperation," said Bill Angrove, associate vice president for SHSU Online. "We are very interested in efforts to promote degree completion and faculty exchange."

SHSU currently offers more than a dozen complete graduate programs online, such as an MBA program, executive MBA and master's degree in criminal justice leadership.



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