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Establishment of a pilot resident bachelor's degree program in human services through The Evergreen State College was approved today by the Community College District 14 Board of Trustees. The program will be based at Clark College.

The new program, designed for students who have completed Associate of Arts degree work at the community college level or otherwise have the equivalent of two years' college experience, will begin next September and continue for two full academic years--1976-77 and 1977-78.

The cooperative venture was spearheaded by Ellis Dunn, Clark's Dean of Instruction, and Evergreen faculty members Dr. Willard Humphreys, newly-appointed Academic Dean, and Dr. Lowell Kuehn. Faculty at both institutions helped plan the program. All academic work will be offered at Clark College, with Evergreen awarding the bachelor's degree.

Students will select from two options in pursuit of degrees. They may either enroll in a Social Services Program, emphasizing applied social science and preparation for careers and career advancement in human service fields, or a Human Potential Program, emphasizing theoretical social science and integrated topics from the humanities and humanistic psychology.

Target enrollment for the Human Services Program is approximately 40 students. About 20 could enroll in the Human Potential Program.

"Both are designed in such a way as to serve regular full-time students or to allow persons who have jobs to complete degree work in two years, including the intervening summer, provided they have earned an AA degree at the outset," Dr. Humphreys said.

Students in both programs would take a two-year series of theory-based courses in social science, studying such subjects as social problems, human services, individual and

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group behavior, counseling, social institutions and change, intergroup relations and social action planning. Both programs also will offer small-group discussion sessions, independent studies, and internship opportunities so that students could gain practical experience to complement their classroom work.

Human Services Program enrollees also will take applied courses in social science. Those enrolled in the Human Potential Program will take a seminar in humanities and humanistic psychology.

During the 1976-77 academic year, the programs will include four faculty from Evergreen. It is expected that some teachers from Clark may participate as adjunct faculty.

Two Evergreen faculty already have been assigned to the program, psychologist Dr. Gregory Portnoff, and Kuehn, a sociologist.

Commenting on the joint endeavor, Dr. Humphreys said, "This new program meets goals of both institutions--Clark College's desire to establish resident bachelor's degree work for people in its surrounding communities and Evergreen's wish to increase service to Southwest Washington students. We hope the program will successfully serve Clark and Evergreen and, perhaps, become the forerunner of additional academic outreach efforts by both institutions."

Dr. Humphreys added, "Evergreen is committed to this venture over the next two years. If we find it serves a valid need in the Vancouver area, we will try to extend and expand it."

Persons interested in enrolling in the Evergreen program at Clark are invited to contact the Evergreen Admissions Office, Olympia, 98505.