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## **Press Release**

Augustana University named as a "Best" for Online Graduate Education Program

For third consecutive year, online Master's in Education program recognized through U.S. News and World Report

**Lakeville, MN, February 1, 2017:** U.S. News has once again recognized Augustana University for its online master's degree program in education.

In its report, "<u>2017 Best Online Programs</u>," U.S. News ranks Augustana No. 77 among colleges and universities nationwide for its online master's degree program in education. Learners Edge has partnered with Augustana University in developing concentration areas for the Master's in Education program for nearly five years. Concentration areas include:

- Technology in the Classroom
- Instructional Strategies
- Reading
- Special Populations
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

The U.S. News ranking is based on student engagement, student services and technology, faculty credentials and training, admissions selectivity and peer reputation.

Learners Edge is proud of its11-year continuing education partnership with Augustana University and is excited to be part of the success Augustana University is experiencing in their master's degree program in education. "We know educator's need and appreciate flexibility and applicability in their professional development," says Joe Cotter, President and CEO of Learners Edge, "Clearly, the U.S. News and World Report rankings show that Augustana University is meeting the needs of educators."

## For Immediate Release

**About Augustana University** (http://www.augie.edu/): Founded in 1860, Augustana is a selective, comprehensive university affiliated with the Lutheran Church. With more than 100 majors, minors and pre-professional programs for undergraduates, along with graduate degree and continuing education programs, the University is committed to enriching lives and fostering development by combining a foundation in the liberal arts with professional skill and advanced study.

Located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Augustana serves more than 1,900 students from 34 states and 38 countries. Most are part of our residential community and call our 100-acre campus home. Our graduate and continuing education programs serve students online and during times that are convenient for adult learners.

**About Learners Edge** (<u>http://www.LearnersEdgeInc.com</u>): Learners Edge has been committed to helping teachers reach the highest level of success in their classrooms and in their careers since 2002. Offering over 120 self-paced, continuing education courses for teachers across the country and around the world, Learners Edge is continually working towards its mission of improving the quality of teaching and learning.