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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Patrick Guilbaud has joined Winthrop University's Graduate School in a newly created job as director of adult programs to create more opportunities for adult students.

"We want to focus on the post-traditional student and leverage our expertise here at Winthrop to offer them assistance in a more concentrated way," said Guilbaud, who joined Winthrop in August.

Patrick Guilbaud

Jack DeRochi, dean of the Graduate School, said his department is excited to have Guilbaud on the Winthrop team. "His expertise and collegial personality will help us engage even more with our business and community partners in order to provide the most effective and convenient academic programs for adults in our region," he said.

Based in Dinkins Hall, Guilbaud has been meeting with faculty members and administrators to plan non-credit programs and certificates for professional development. The four- to six-week sessions may cover such topics as social media, social work, arts administration, travel and Southern history, to name a few.

"This will allow people to get a taste of the university," he said, adding that he will eventually offer presentations at community colleges and other places to encourage adults to complete their degrees.

Guilbaud came from Stetson University where he was a visiting scholar and assistant professor in information systems. He previously worked as a senior researcher at Virginia Tech and research assistant at the University of Virginia.

He holds a Ph.D. in instructional technology, a M.B.A. and a master's degree in systems engineering from the University of Virginia and a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida.

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