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# AMU Announces Expanded Academic Partnership with Loss Prevention Foundation

Charles Town, WV, and Mathews, NC, June 10, 2013 – [American Military University](http://www.amu.edu) (AMU) and the [Loss Prevention Foundation](http://www.losspreventionfoundation.org) (LPF) today announced an expansion of the [partnership between the two organizations](#) that aligns AMU's fully-online degree programs with LPF's LPQualified (LPQ) and LPCertified (LPC) certifications. Certification holders are eligible to receive credit through AMU's transfer credit evaluation process; the process awards students credit for college-equivalent prior learning, allowing them to complete a degree program in less time. Loss prevention professionals can apply the credits toward undergraduate degrees in security management, criminal justice, retail management, logistics, or any of the affordable, quality online undergraduate degree programs offered by AMU.

AMU retail management academic program director Kevin Forehand notes, "This is a key partnership given the importance of loss prevention in the retail industry."

"The demands on retail loss prevention professionals continue to grow as does the complexity of the challenges they face. We know that education is a key to success in this industry. AMU offers relevant programs that will help individuals to grow in their careers and excel in their service to their employers," said Michael Lamb, LPC, Walmart senior director operations support – asset protection.

LPF's two certifications lead the loss prevention industry in name recognition, quality, and career enhancement, according to LPF President Gene Smith, LPC. LPQ was designed for entry-level professionals, while LPC covers advanced material for individuals in management.

"This is a great example of the model that AMU uses in partnering with industry leading organizations, such as LPF, to develop and offer courses and degree programs relevant to the various sectors of the growing security industry" said Jeffrey Hawkins, AMU manager, strategic initiatives, private sector security. "We believe that security practitioners who choose AMU to complete a degree or continue their education will find the curriculum to be beneficial."

### About the Loss Prevention Foundation

The Loss Prevention Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2006, by industry leading professionals to serve the loss prevention and asset protection industry. Their mission is to advance the loss prevention profession by providing relevant, convenient and challenging educational resources. LPF is responsible for administering the industry's two-tiered certification program, the LPQualified (LPQ) and LPCertified (LPC), on-line educational resources and the loss prevention professional membership program. In addition, LPF is focused on driving more talent to the industry from colleges, universities, military and law enforcement through its Academic Retail Partnership Program and its Hire A Vet Program. For further information, visit <http://www.losspreventionfoundation.org>.

### About American Public University System

[American Public University System](http://www.amu.apus.edu), winner of the Sloan Consortium's Ralph E. Gomory Award for Quality Online Education and two-time recipient of Sloan's Effective Practices Award, offers more than 80 online degree programs through [American Public University](http://www.amu.apus.edu) and [American Military University](http://www.amu.apus.edu). APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility help more than 100,000 working adults worldwide pursue degrees in a diverse variety of subjects. For further information, visit [www.amu.apus.edu](http://www.amu.apus.edu).

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