



Palm Beach State to host open house for bachelor's degree in Information Management

Free April 13 event ideal for anyone pursuing an information technology career

(Lake Worth, Fla. – March 23, 2011) Students, job seekers, career-changers or IT professionals interested in starting or advancing a career in information technology will benefit from an open house showcasing Palm Beach State College's Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Management degree. The free event is open to the public and will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Natural Science Building, Room NS129 on the College's Lake Worth campus, 4200 Congress Ave.

The open house will feature a presentation on information management career paths by Dr. Rolando Rueda de Leon, a full-time professor for the program. Attendees will be able to talk with faculty and academic advisors and come away with comprehensive information on courses, requirements and costs. "We are very excited about this degree and the potential it has for giving the community a viable, reasonably priced option for entry into a booming field. IT is one of the fastest growing professions, and this degree was designed to focus on what employers are looking for now," comments Dr. Rueda de Leon, who is also one of the degree's architects. Students have a choice of two concentrations: database administration or security and network assurance (IT forensics).

Palm Beach State College began offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Management degree in January of this year. The degree was developed to meet the demand for trained information technology workers in Palm Beach County, particularly those with bachelor's degrees. Information technology is one of the fastest-growing career fields, both in Florida and nationwide. Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation data shows overall employment for information technology occupations is projected to increase by 19.2% from 2010 to 2018.

The information management bachelor's degree joins more than 100 programs of study currently offered by Palm Beach State, including a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Supervision and Management. The College's third bachelor's degree, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, will launch in 2012.

For more information about bachelor's degrees at Palm Beach State, call 561-868-4102 or visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/bachelor.xml.

Serving more than 52,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida's first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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