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Kaplan named dean of bachelor's degree programs at Palm Beach State

(Lake Worth, Fla. – July 21, 2011) Dr. Anita Kaplan, who recently served as president of the Miami Dade College Medical Center Campus, has joined Palm Beach State College as its new dean of bachelor's degree programs.

She will oversee the implementation of the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program that begins in January and the College's existing programs — a Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management that began in fall 2009 and a B.A.S. in Information Management that launched earlier this year. From her office window, she can see the construction underway on a new three-story building that will house the bachelor's degree programs when it's finished next summer, and she envisions adding more bachelor's degree programs in the future.



"I'm excited about being here and growing the bachelor's degree programs," she said. "I believe more education is going to be necessary to be competitive in the marketplace. What better place to continue to work with students than in a setting that they're familiar with and where we can do what we do best — focus on teaching and learning."

Kaplan brings a wealth of experience to the position, having worked her entire career at community colleges, including 28 years at North Shore Community College in Danvers, Mass. where she served as a professor and then in several administrative roles, including dean of curriculum and instructor and assistant dean of external relations/ executive director of corporate and economic development.

As head of the Medical Center Campus at Miami Dade from 2008 to 2010, she led the implementation of its BSN program and pioneered a partnership between Miami Dade's College of Nursing, the University of Miami Hospital and the South Florida Workforce Board to increase the number of nurses at the hospital. She left there to work as a consultant at the

Boston-based Development Institute, which works with higher education institutes, agencies and associations to enhance their processes and operations.

Kaplan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Modern Languages/Secondary Education from Northeastern University in Boston, a Master of Education degree in Secondary Reading/Counseling from the University of Massachusetts Boston and an Ed.D. degree in Higher Education Policy, Research and Administration from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Serving more than 51,000 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.

Editor's note: Please contact College Relations and Marketing for a high-resolution photo of Dr. Anita Kaplan.

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