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Nichols College to offer master's degrees at PBCC in Lake Worth

(Lake Worth, Fla. – Sept. 16, 2009) Nichols College, a private Massachusetts-based business school, will begin offering master's degrees at Palm Beach Community College's Lake Worth campus in January.

The Master of Business Administration and Master of Organizational Leadership degree programs will be housed in the Technology Education building. Classes for the 36-credit hour programs will meet live one weeknight per week and include an Internet component.

PBCC trustees approved a lease agreement with Nichols earlier this year, allowing the 200-year-old college to rent classroom and office space for the programs. Nichols, which is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, also received approval in late July from the Florida Commission for Independent Education to offer the degree programs in the state.

The graduate degree offerings come on the heels of PBCC's new Bachelor of Applied Science degree program, which began this fall with tracks in health, public safety and business administration. PBCC's new B.A.S. degree is housed in the same building with Nichols' programs.

PBCC and Nichols are in the process of developing an articulation agreement to give students in the new B.A.S. degree program a seamless transition from the bachelor's to the master's degree program.

"The students can stay at one campus all the way through graduate school," said Dr. Marla Friedman, director of graduate and professional studies - Palm Beach for Nichols College. She said Nichols College is establishing similar partnerships with other colleges around the country as part of its initiative to branch outside of Massachusetts.

"It's an opportunity to show our students career paths," said Dr. Sharon Sass, vice president of academic affairs at PBCC. "Education doesn't have to stop with the associate degree or bachelor's degree. It's just more opportunity for students to expand their education."

For more information on the master's degree programs, call Marla Friedman at (561) 868-4002 or visit www.nichols.edu/pb.

Palm Beach Community College will become Palm Beach State College in 2010. Serving more than 49,000 students annually, it is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor's degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established 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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