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## Construction related programs at Palm Beach State receive national accreditation

(Lake Worth, Fla. – April 8, 2010) Palm Beach State College's Trade and Industry programs have received accreditation through The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) as an Accredited Education and Training Facility.

NCCER is a not-for-profit education foundation created to develop industry-driven standardized craft-skills training programs with portable credentials to help address workforce needs in the construction industry. As a result of the sponsorship, NCCER accreditation was approved for a three-year period for the Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning, Welding Technology and Corporate and Continuing Education and training programs.

Standards have been developed by NCCER for the accredited training programs to ensure quality education for all construction and maintenance trainees. The accreditation will eventually give students the opportunity to visit work site locations, participate in career seminars and prepare them for possible employment opportunities.

For more information on the accreditation and Palm Beach State's accreditation by NCCER, contact Sal Manuele at 561-868-3540 or [Manueles@palmbeachstate.edu](mailto:Manueles@palmbeachstate.edu). For information on NCCER, visit <http://www.nccer.org/>.

*Serving more than 50,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College 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 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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