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New Master's Program At Wilkes University Responds To Growing Demand For Online Teaching Skills

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — December 1, 2009 – Wilkes University School of Education's new online master's degree program in online teaching continues to grow.

The Master's of Science in Online Teaching is for educators and other professionals who aspire to use technology for training and instruction over the Internet. Courses will teach the latest technology and best practices for providing effective online instruction, whether in the private or public sectors of academia, the corporate world or government. Wilkes offers the program in partnership with Performance Learning Systems Inc., an educational services company with whom the university has offered graduate education courses for 25 years.

"Demand for online instruction continues to grow as people look for more cost-effective and convenient ways to access and provide high-quality training," said Michael Speziale, Ed.D., dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies at Wilkes University. "This program will develop experts with the skills needed to facilitate real learning in an online environment."

This fully online degree program is for teachers who want to become leaders in the growing field of online teaching. It can be completed in less than two years. It applies the latest research to prepare graduates in instructional design, assessment, research, advanced technology and building collaboration into e-learning courses. Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree.

For more information about the degree program, contact Wilkes University at (800) 945-5978 Ext. 4671 or visit www.wilkes.edu/GradEd. Spring registration is currently open. Application and registration deadline for these sessions is two weeks prior to the start.

ABOUT WILKES UNIVERSITY

Wilkes University is a premier liberal arts university located in northeastern Pennsylvania. One of the largest private providers of graduate education for teachers in Pennsylvania, Wilkes offers 16 master's degree programs in education, a doctor of education degree in educational leadership, and a letter of endorsement in teacher leadership and instructional coaching. Wilkes currently offers eight online graduate education degrees.

ABOUT PERFORMANCE LEARNING SYSTEMS INC.

Performance Learning Systems Inc. (PLS) is a comprehensive educational-services company that has been in the business of designing quality graduate education courses since 1969. PLS offers a range of services that collectively support the learning needs of practicing educators through on-site and online graduate courses, professional development services, and published products.

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