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PLS and University of St. Francis Respond to Current Economic Conditions with Master's Program

Cadiz, KY. — March 10, 2010 – Performance Learning Systems, Inc. (PLS) and the University of St. Francis's College of Education introduce new features to the online Master of Science in Teaching and Learning degree.

In response to current economic conditions, a new lower tuition rate has been established as well as an increase in the total number of transferred hours that can be accepted into the program. Beginning with the summer 2010 term, the USF core courses required for this degree will decrease to \$500 per credit hour, for a total savings of \$1,602.00 for the required 18 hours of USF core courses. Required PLS courses will decrease to \$500 per course, with a savings of \$49 per course. In addition, up to four PLS courses can be transferred into the Master's program for a total of 12 transferred hours. Previously, only two PLS courses could be transferred.

The Master of Science in Teaching and Learning degree can be obtained completely online. In Illinois, classes are available site-based as well as online. Teachers and administrators address a myriad of issues and needs facing school communities in the climate of evolving standards, curriculum updates, school improvement initiatives, and strategic planning efforts. The purpose and intent of this program is to prepare educators to discover ways to enhance the academic achievement of students and develop professional school leadership. All courses emphasize the integration of theory, research-based best practices, and meaningful applications. The University of St. Francis offers the program in partnership with Performance Learning Systems Inc., an educational services company which has offered graduate education courses for over 20 years.

The Master of Science Degree in Teaching and Learning is a 36-credit hour program that can be completed in less than two years. All PLS courses have been reviewed and approved by University of St. Francis College of Education. All courses within the masters program are described in full in the University catalog which can be located on the website at www.stfrancis.edu/PLS.

For more information about the degree program, contact John and Chris Yeates, PLS Illinois State Coordinators at (800) 823-4765 or cjyeates@plsweb.com. Summer registration is open now.

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.

ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS

The University of St. Francis has established a proud tradition of preparing high quality educators since 1925 when the College of St. Francis first began offering courses in education. Over the years, hundreds of our graduates have contributed to our legacy of quality by serving in various roles in the public and private schools. While the College of Education has enjoyed tremendous growth, it remains dedicated to its original mission: "to prepare competent and caring educators who understand students, serve the community and develop professionally to become ethical decision-makers and leaders." Participants enrolled in PLS courses are encouraged to visit the USF website at www.stfrancis.edu/PLS to learn more about the PLS Collaborative Teaching and Learning Master's Degree offered online and at local cohort sites.

The University of St. Francis, College of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

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