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## Keiser University to Offer Master of Science Degree in Physician Assistant Program

**K**eiser University's Graduate School is pleased to announce its new Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant (P. A.) program. The university has been awarded provisional accreditation by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). Provisional accreditation is the status awarded to new programs that meet the rigorous standards established by the ARC-PA. This program is an intense study of patient care, theory, science and practice, combining didactic, laboratory and clinical study and experience.

"Keiser University has a proven history of meeting the workforce demands of our state and local employers," stated Belinda Keiser, Vice Chancellor for Community Relations and Student Advancement. The access and affordability of quality health care in our nation is of the utmost concern for all Americans and it is our privilege to educate the future physician's assistants that will be part of the solution to some of the challenges facing our current system," she added.

According to the Department of Labor the employment opportunities are expected to grow for physician assistants by 27 percent through 2016.

The first year is an intense study of basic sciences and clinically related didactic course work. The clinical year provides students with experience in emergency medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, family medicine, internal medicine, long term care and one elective.

"Students will come from a health care background, seeking positions as members of a health care team practicing medicine under the supervision of a physician in a variety of settings," stated Dr. Helen

Martin, Program Director.

This master's degree is designed to meet the needs of students with regionally accredited baccalaureate degrees and appropriate required prerequisites. The deadline for application into Keiser University's P. A. January 2010 class is December 18th, 2009. Qualified applicants may apply either online at

[www.keiseruniversity.edu/graduateschool](http://www.keiseruniversity.edu/graduateschool), contact Manuel Christiansen toll free at 1-888-7KEISER (1-888-753-4737) or in person at our Graduate Campus located at 1900 W. Commercial Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale.

Keiser University is Florida's leading statewide provider of career-focused, post-secondary education and is regionally accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Keiser University serves approximately 16,500 students seeking associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in over 50 high demand degree programs at its 13 campuses and through its online and Graduate School divisions. The Graduate School opened in 2006 and offers the MBA among a variety of master's degrees in education and criminal justice. Keiser University's educational reach extends globally through its international programs including the Latin Division and cooperative agreements in China and the Eastern European nation of Moldova.

According to a Community College Week analysis of U. S. Department of Education data released June 16, 2008, Keiser University was named the nationwide leader in production of Associate of Science graduates in Health Professions and Related Sciences for the third straight year (2006-2008).