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### **Florida Virtual School announces the endorsement of the University of Central Florida's E-Learning Program**

**Orlando, FL** (November 14, 2010) — Florida Virtual School, a national leader in on-line curriculum is pleased to announce the endorsement of the University of Central Florida (UCF) E-Learning Graduate Certificate program.

Pam Birtolo, Chief Learning Officer at Florida Virtual School commented, "this is a huge step in pre-service teacher education to prepare them for the learners they will be serving. We all know that teachers teach they way they learn. UCF is forging the future for tomorrow's successful students. We are pleased to be a partner and endorse their transformational efforts."

"The endorsement by Florida Virtual School of our E-Learning Graduate Certificate program at UCF validates the work of our faculty as well as the student internship program we began at the Florida Virtual School last year," said Sandra L. Robinson, Dean of the University of Central Florida's College of Education. "This is the hallmark of partnership and technology and symbolizes future advances in education," Robinson said.

Cara Christensen, a Social Science Education major at UCF is completing her student internship at the Florida Virtual School. "It is wonderful that UCF and Florida Virtual School have created a partnership that allows an undergraduate such as me to experience education in a virtual setting because I really believe that this is the future of education," said Christensen. "Florida Virtual School provides an excellent educational opportunity that is accessible and relevant to all students," Christensen said.

Birtolo added, "At Florida Virtual School, ensuring our students get the very best education possible starts with investing in teachers. We applaud UCF for their leadership in developing teacher preparation programs that reflect the future learning environment."

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#### ***About Florida Virtual School***

Florida Virtual School ([www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net)) is an established leader in developing and providing virtual K-12 education solutions to students in Florida, the U.S., and the world. A nationally-recognized e-Learning model and recipient of numerous awards, FLVS was founded in 1997 and was the country's first, state-wide Internet-based public high school. Today, FLVS serves students in grades K-12 and provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs.