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(St. Petersburg, Fla.) February 11, 2010 – The College Reading and Learning Association accredited USFSP’s Academic Success Center for its tutoring program. The center is one of three in the State University System to earn CRLA accreditation, an internationally recognized authority for setting standards for skills and training for tutoring programs.

CRLA chose the tutor-training program developed by the Academic Success Center as a national model and will feature the program on the organization’s Web site.

“It is a real honor for us to be accredited and recognized as a national model,” said Ruby Qin, managing director of the Academic Success Center. “We will continue to hold high standards in our operations and services, and continue to build one of the best academic support centers in the country.”

The Academic Success Center offers services to current and prospective USFSP students.

“Our Academic Success Center is a key element in a university-wide academic support and retention effort,” said Norine E. Noonan, regional vice chancellor for academic affairs. “This accreditation speaks volumes about both the quality of the service and the skill and dedication of the people who assist our students every day.”

The Academic Success Center at USFSP is dedicated to supporting academic excellence and innovation by providing students and faculty with a variety of resources. Through individual and group tutoring sessions, academic counseling, workshops, seminars, credit courses, graduate school application assistance, computer assisted instruction, and video instruction, the Center fulfills vital functions of promoting academic learning, innovation, and success. The Academic Success Center also works collaboratively with faculty to enhance instructional effectiveness and advising abilities.

Prospective undergraduate students can participate in SAT test preparation and prospective graduate students can participate in GRE/GMAT test preparation.

To learn more about the Academic Success Center, please visit http://www.stpete.usf.edu/success/index.htm.

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