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**AVIATION MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY (AVAMM-AS)
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE**

St. Petersburg College (SPC) and National Aviation Academy (NAA) are pleased to announce a new chapter in their already successful Public/Private Partnership. On January 13, 2009, the Corporate Training Program from SPC and NAA designed a new accelerated opportunity for students to earn their NAA credentials, their Federal Aviation Administration certifications and their SPC Associate in Science degree in only 21 months. This program will begin in March of 2009.

Students have been articulating from NAA's Aviation Maintenance Technology Program into the Aviation Maintenance Management Technology Associate in Science degree program at SPC. "The partnership between SPC and National Aviation Academy is now more than five years old, and has been very successful in supplying highly trained and qualified aviation maintenance graduates to the aviation industry," said Carl M. Kuttler, SPC's president. "This program redesign will speed up the process significantly, benefitting the industry as well as the graduates who are eager to get to work."

NAA's 21 month program is 9 terms of 10 weeks each. Students will enroll and complete the 9 courses required for the Associate in Science degree by SPC in concert with the 9 terms at NAA. The SPC courses will be offered in a 8 week blended format, which includes online and in-class training at NAA's Ulmerton Road Campus. "This unique partnership is a great platform for aviation and education in Pinellas County. We are very excited to bring additional opportunities to the future of aviation. This program will be a springboard to supplying the Aviation Maintenance Global Marketplace with even better educated technicians," said Michael Wisniewski, NAA's president.

The graduates of this A.S. Degree in Aviation Maintenance Management Technology would also be eligible to transfer into the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree (BAS) in Technology Management.

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