



HIGH-DEMAND REVIT COURSE OFFERED AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE THIS FALL

Fort Myers, Fla., (July 24, 2009) – The industry standard has risen and Southwest Florida College is rising with it. With the addition of its newest course featuring a powerful new software tool, Revit ®, SWFC can now provide students with greater marketability in the fields of computer-aided drafting and design and interior design.

“There is no one else around here that’s teaching Revit,” Engler said. “There is a tremendous amount of versatility with Revit that makes for a whole different routine than what architects and designers have done in the past,” said Paul Engler, program manager of Computer Aided Drafting and Design at Southwest Florida College.

Revit ®, which boasts the ability to revise designs instantly, is a 3D modeling and BIM, or building information management software, created by Autodesk ® and used by architects and designers across the nation and it is becoming the state-of-the-art standard in the industry.

“If I change my model, Revit will change the floor plan and other reference drawings too,” said Scott Aly, a student of SWFC. Aly plans to graduate in 2010 with a double major in Computer Aided Drafting and Design and Computer Animation. “Revit is a big time saver, it results in much higher productivity by avoiding having to go back to change all reference views as is the case in Auto CAD,” Aly said.

Autodesk describes Revit Architecture 2010 ® as software that “works the way architects and designers think.” Revit Architecture helps professionals on the job capture and analyze early design concepts and accurately maintain a concept and vision through all phases of preliminary design, documentation, and construction. Changes are automatically updated throughout the project, so design and documentation remain coordinated and reliable. While Auto CAD ® is readily available and widely taught, SWFC is positioning its design graduates for the next generation for computer-aided design.

To access Revit training, students from southwest Florida have had to travel to Miami or Tampa. “Now it’s available right at their doorstep,” said Engler.

In addition to the state-of-the-art capabilities of Revit, graduates enter the workforce able to create detailing and drafting views of design projects, produce construction documents and use presentation

tools for presenting building models. Design students learn through a combination of methods including hands-on training, teacher demonstrations and facilitation.

The Revit course starts September 28 at the Southwest Florida College, Fort Myers campus. This 10-week class covers an introduction to the software. Space is limited. Sign-up today by calling toll-free: 1-888-526-7973. For more information, visit www.swfc.edu today. Future courses in Revit will be offered at both the Fort Myers campus and at the Institute of Interior Design in Estero.

Southwest Florida College is an accredited, private, nonprofit institution of higher learning centrally located in Fort Myers, Tampa, Port Charlotte, and includes the Institute of Interior Design located within the International Design Center in Estero. The College has been providing post secondary education to Floridians since 1974 and offers programs in Allied Health, Business, Design, Education, Information Technology and Legal Studies. Its mission is to provide educational opportunities for individuals to acquire knowledge and skills that will help prepare them for rewarding careers in fields with high growth potential. For more information, visit www.instituteofinteriordesign.com or www.swfc.edu.