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## **CLARKSON COLLEGE ACCEPTS OTECH SEMINAR CREDITS TOWARDS PACS CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES**

**Omaha, Neb., Nov. 20, 2008:** Clarkson College is excited to announce a new partnership with OTech that will allow students to transfer up to 12 credits from OTech seminars for college credit.

The transferred credits can be applied to the following degree programs: Bachelor of Science with Major in Informatics and Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging. The credits can also be applied to the following certificate tracks: Medical Imaging Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS) Administrator and Health Care Business Informatics PACS Administrator.

“The students that will benefit the most are ARRT certified radiologic technologists and information technology (IT) professionals that are looking to further their career in the area of Medical Imaging and PACS,” said Nickki Hardin, assistant director of health care business management. “Collaborating with OTech fills a short term and long term education need for PACS professionals.”

“It combines both the short term need to quickly acquire new skills and knowledge as well as the opportunity to pursue a degree,” said Herman Oosterwijk, president of OTech. “Therefore, it provides short term benefits as well as long term career opportunities.”

Oosterwijk explains students can immediately apply their skills to support the new PACS technology making a direct, major impact while studying to fill in more gaps and fundamentals in addition to achieving a degree.

“This profession is very new, probably 5-10 years. This will allow professionals to support these mission critical PACS systems to make sure they train users properly, can support the system and take care of the data integrity. For example, making sure the images and related information is available to the physicians as they need it. We get a lot of students who need to acquire the necessary minimum skills in a very short timeframe, typically three months or so. That is why they take our intensive hands-on seminars so they can go back and support these systems on a daily basis. The combination of OTech and Clarkson College works great as they can go back to fill in gaps in their knowledge on a more regular basis while also getting a degree which would benefit them in the long term as opportunities for career growth come up.”

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“Clarkson College is one of the very few institutions to offer college credit for PACS administrator training,” Hardin said. “The OTech and Clarkson College courses will prepare students for the PARCA<sup>1</sup> and SIIM<sup>2</sup> certification exams.”

For more information about OTech seminars visit [www.otechimg.com](http://www.otechimg.com) or call 940.440.9491. To inquire about details such as which courses qualify, how to transfer credits to Clarkson College, or to apply, visit [www.clarksoncollege.edu](http://www.clarksoncollege.edu) or call 1.800.647.5500.

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The Clarkson College core programs include associates, bachelors, masters, post-masters and certificates in the areas of Nursing; Allied Health; Health Care Business and Professional Development. The College is nationally accredited through the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). The Vision of Clarkson College is to develop health care professionals for today and tomorrow and the Mission is to provide high quality, ethical and compassionate health care services. Clarkson College is an Educational Partner with The Nebraska Medical Center. For more information about Clarkson College, contact Kelsey Archer at 402.552.6209; toll free at 800.647.5500; or visit us on the Web at [www.clarksoncollege.edu](http://www.clarksoncollege.edu).



OTech is a health care technology company providing PACS Training and Consulting. For more information about OTech visit [www.otechimg.com](http://www.otechimg.com).

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<sup>1</sup> See [www.pacsadmin.org](http://www.pacsadmin.org)

<sup>2</sup> See [www.abii.org](http://www.abii.org)