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Professional Academic Society to Offer Graduate Credit by University of St. Thomas for Adjunct Faculty Certification Program

CHICAGO, Ill., August 10, 2009 -- SoCAFE, The Society of Certified Adjunct Faculty Educators, announced today that the organization's certification program for part-time college and university faculty would now be available for graduate credit by the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. Completion of the certification course, entitled "Core Competencies of College Teaching" (CTED 672), will earn three graduate hours of credit and award the Certified Adjunct Faculty Educator (C.A.F.E.) designation.

"We're gratified by the confidence St. Thomas University has shown in the quality of our certification program by offering it for graduate credit. This may be an excellent time for K-12 teachers to consider registering for this course, given the widespread lay-offs of public school teachers around the country," said Dr. Rochelle Santopalo, President of SoCAFE.

SoCAFE is the first organization in the United States to provide a portable, national credential for adjunct faculty in American colleges and universities.

Dr. Santopalo also stated that "while the number of opportunities for K-12 teachers is currently in decline, according to the 2008-2009 edition of U.S. Department of Labor Handbook, the number of college and university teaching jobs is expected to grow by 23 percent between 2006 and 2016 - much faster than the average for all occupations."

Founded in 1885, the University of St. Thomas is the largest private university in Minnesota. St. Thomas offers bachelor's degrees in over 85 major fields of study and more than 45 graduate degree programs including master's, education specialist, juris doctor and doctorates. (University of St. Thomas website: [www.stthomas.edu/education/ce](http://www.stthomas.edu/education/ce)).

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