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Former Sheriff's Deputy Joins Colorado Technical University Sioux Falls Criminal Justice Department

Sioux Falls, SD (Jan. 14, 2009)- Colorado Technical University (CTU) Sioux Falls announced today Michelle Nichol, a 12-year veteran of the criminal justice field, is joining the CTU Sioux Falls department of criminal justice as a full-time instructor. Nichol holds a master's degree and previously held a number of positions within the education and criminal justice fields. Most recently, Nichol served as a professor at the CTU Denver campus.

"Given Michelle's hands-on experience as a law enforcement officer for six years, her academic credentials and her experience teaching at CTU Denver, we felt she was an outstanding candidate for this position. She will be able to share real world experience with our students and help them prepare for a career in the field," said David Heflin, CTU Sioux Falls president.

Before venturing into the education field, Nichol served as a deputy with a number of sheriff's departments across the state of Kansas for four years specializing in accident investigations. Throughout her time on the force, she continued to pursue her academic interests by earning her master's degree of liberal studies with a concentration in criminal justice from Fort Hays State University and attending teaching and criminal justice certification classes.

“I’m thrilled to continue serving the students of CTU,” said Nichol. “The criminal justice lab at CTU Sioux Falls is one of the most outstanding labs in the region, allowing me to provide students a hands-on education that can help better prepare them for the future.”

CTU Sioux Falls offers associate and bachelor’s degrees in criminal justice and a Master of Science in Management degree with a concentration in criminal justice. For more information about these programs and others, please visit www.coloradotech.edu.

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About Colorado Technical University

Founded in 1965, Colorado Technical University (CTU) provides higher education for today’s career-focused students by teaching applied industry programs and offering students support, flexibility and resources to advance personally and professionally. In addition to degree-track programs at the associate and bachelor's levels, CTU offers master's and doctoral degrees through the [CTU Institute of Advanced Studies](#) -- an innovative approach to graduate degrees for career-motivated professionals.

CTU campuses include ground schools in Denver; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Pueblo, Colo.; Sioux Falls, S.D., and Kansas City; and an internet-based division that delivers degree programs 100 percent online. In fact, the award-winning CTU Online Virtual Campus was recognized as “Best of the Best” in the 2009 Computerworld Honors Program. For more information, please visit www.coloradotech.edu.

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