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With a zeal for teaching, Linda Love says her new position as FIRNTEC fits her perfectly. As FIRNTEC, she will train teachers at schools in ten North Florida counties to use technology as part of their lessons.

"This job is great: it's training, teaching, and travelling," Love said.

The Florida Information Resource Network (FIRN) is an extensive network which electronically links all of Florida's public education entities to computing resources which serve public education. FIRNTECs are auxiliary FIRN staff housed at school district, community college, and university sites who promote the use of the FIRN network by training and educating teachers on the use of computers and telecommunications.

Love brings to the job her background in teaching adults (both at the Vocational Technical level and Continuing Education classes) and her computer skills from her most recent position at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. She worked on the Computer Support Desk there from 1997 until the end of September 2000. While there, she gained experience with helping users troubleshoot a wide variety of computer problems.

"We would troubleshoot any call that came in, from setting up Web browsers to Microsoft Office to setting up e-mail clients," Love said. She's been teaching since 1987.
Before moving to Georgia, Love lived in Central Florida for 15 years. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Florida Southern College in Lakeland and has nearly completed a Master of Arts in Instructional Technologies.

"For my master's degree, I've been taking lots of courses online. I'll have to finish up via the online courses and WebCT," Love said.

NERDC provides office space for FIRNTECs at the Bryant Space Science Center at UF. From this home base, Love will visit the district's schools to explain how to use the technology as well as inform teachers about FIRN.

"We're supposed to train them to use technology in the classroom and make them not afraid of it," Love said.

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