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MEMO TO: Dr. Dan Howard, Executive Vice President and Provost
FROM: Cheri Jimeno, Campus President, NMSU-A
SUBJECT: AS Allied Health

The AS in Allied Health (option 1 and 2) includes the following courses that will be offered by NMSU-A: CHEM 1110G, Principles and Applications of Chemistry; ENGL 111G, Rhetoric and Composition; BIOL 211G/211GL Cellular & Organization Biology and Lab; PSY 201G, Introduction to Psychology; ENGL 211G, Writing for the Humanities and Social Sciences, MATH 121G, College Algebra, BIOL 225 and BIOL 226 , Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II, HNDS Human Nutrition, CEP 110G Human Growth and Behavior; COMM 265G or COMM 253G, Principles of Human Communication or Public Speaking; BIOL 221/221L Introductory Microbiology and Lab; SOC 101G, Introduction to Sociology; STAT251G, Statistics, and two Humanities and Fine Arts G courses.

The AS in Allied Health, option 1 includes NS 101, Nursing Assistant Theory and Lab and NA 109, Phlebotomy or NA 110, EKG. NA109 and NA 110 are new classes and both classes are for 4 credits. These courses do not require additional faculty; these courses will be taught by existing faculty who were previously hired for our ADN program.

The AS in Allied Health, option 2, is our pre-nursing program. This option includes a Humanities and Fine Arts G course that is listed above. The four nursing courses required for this option, NURS 328, Pathophysiology, NURS 360, Introduction to Nursing Concepts; NURS 361, Principles of Nursing Practice and NURS 362, Evidence Based Practice are all offered by the Las Cruces campus as noted by the 300 level. Therefore, NMSU-A will not hire additional faculty for this option.

When we examine our budget allocation over the last four years to nursing (excluding any Nursing Enhancement or Nursing Expansion funds), we see the following:

FY12

Faculty and Staff Salaries	\$534,106
Travel, Supplies, etc.	\$ 58,000

FY13

Faculty and Staff Salaries	\$584,956
Travel, Supplies, etc.	\$ 71,320

FY14

Faculty and Staff Salaries	\$539,085
Travel, Supplies, etc.	\$ 71,320

FY15

Faculty and Staff Salaries	\$297,746
Travel, Supplies, etc.	\$ 55,000

Due to the elimination of the ADN program, you will note a significant reduction in our budget allocation to the nursing program. The ADN program entered 22 students per fall and spring semesters. Therefore, 44 students entered the ADN program each year. In addition, we hosted approximately 40

students in the second year of their ADN program. Therefore, the elimination of the ADN program meant a reduction of 75 - 80 full-time students for NMSU-A.

The elimination of the ADN program also impacted the enrollment in our science courses, especially biology and human anatomy and physiology. No, we have not decreased the number of full-time faculty in the science area; however, our enrollment in these classes shows a significant drop.

We anticipate the addition of the AS degree in Allied Health will increase our enrollment by a minimum of 50 students per year. The AS degree in Allied Health is a transfer degree and will allow students to transfer into a BSN program or into other health-related bachelor degrees.

Since we already possessed the library materials necessary to support an ADN program, we do not see the need to purchase additional library materials with the addition of an AS degree in Allied Health.

In order to implement a BSN program on our campus, we installed a state-of-the art ITV system this fall. Also, to insure our nursing laboratory facilities are comparable to the nursing laboratory facilities in Las Cruces, we have ordered a SimMan and we are working closely with NMSU Facilities Services implement any necessary renovations. All renovations should be completed during December.

We are using existing facilities, faculty and staff to implement the AS degree in Allied Health. The AS degree in Allied Health will only help us support the health fields and the BSN program that will be offered by Las Cruces.

If you have any additional questions, please be sure to let me know.

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