

Proposition 13-14/15:

Title: Proposition to Establish an Associate of Science in Allied Health, NMSU Alamogordo

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Committee Reviewal: Scholastic Affairs Committee

Prior Approvals (if appropriate):

Department:	3/13/2014- unanimous
College:	3/13/2014- unanimous
Community College Curriculum Committee:	5/5/2014 - unanimous
Deans Advisory Council:	11/04/2014
Graduate Council	N/A

Proposition:

To establish an Associate of Science degree in Allied Health (ASAH) at NMSU-A with two options:

- Option 1 to prepare for entry employment in the Allied Health field, and
- Option 2 to prepare for transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

Option 1 will require a total of 64 credit hours; Option 2 requires 68 credit hours. Attached are the program checklist, degree plan, and course descriptions.

Rationale:

The change in the nursing program in Alamogordo follows a national trend toward recognizing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) as the entry-level degree for nursing professionals by 2020. NMSU-Alamogordo and NMSU-Las Cruces have created a partnership to participate in the New Mexico's Nursing Education Consortium's (NMNEC) Statewide Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program Curriculum. NMSU-A has developed a new Associate of Science Degree in Allied Health based upon prerequisite needs for entry into the NMSU BSN program. If approved, it will provide an academic articulation for a defined number of students to enter into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (BSN) offered by NMSU's School of Nursing and delivered at the Alamogordo campus.

Appendix I

Description of the Proposed Associate of Science in Allied

Health: (ASAH):

PURPOSE

New Mexico State University Alamogordo's Department of Nursing and Allied Health is working to replace its Associate Degree in Nursing program with a new Associate of Science Degree in Allied Health. The NMSU-A credential will have multiple pathways to complete the ASAH degree. Option 1 will prepare students for entry employment into the Allied Health field, and Option 2 will prepare students for transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. Currently, the Pre-Nursing pathway is the focus of this degree. This degree offers prerequisites to guide the student into the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) statewide "BSN" curriculum and includes the NMSU common core curriculum.

The Associate of Science Degree in Allied Health is designed to prepare the student with the required courses for transfer to a four-year institution (throughout the United States) to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. This degree will provide the student with a secure foundation of critical thinking for success in a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Program.