Proposition: 05-19/20

Title: Proposal to Modify an Academic Unit: Department name change-Nursing Assistant to Allied Healthcare Assistant

Date Submitted: 9/26/2019

Sponsor(s): B. Corran (DACC), S. Wood (DACC)

Proposed Committee: Consent Agenda or University Affairs

Assigned Committee:

Prior Approvals: Department Faculty, Program Director, Division Dean, Vice-president for Academic Affairs (DACC), President (DACC), Associate Deans Academic Council (ADAC)

Proposal Type:

☐ Memorial
☒ Proposition to change policy (please include ARP/RPM reference(s) from https://arp.nmsu.edu/)
☐ Proposition for curriculum addition/change (please include all curriculum change forms and signature pages as outlined here: https://provost.nmsu.edu/forms/)
☐ Other (please describe below)

Proposal: Pursuant to New Mexico State University Administrative Rules and Procedures, 2.15, the Department of Nursing Assistant in the Health Sciences Division at Dona Ana Community College proposes to change the name of its academic unit to "Allied Healthcare Assistant."

Rationale: The nursing assistant program was developed in 1991 to meet the needs of the community for well-trained nursing assistants in hospitals and long-term care facilities. Since that time the program has continued to grow and diversify. Nursing assistant courses are no longer the only focus of the program. The program now offers certificates in Nursing Assistant, Patient Care Technician, and in December 2018 DACC received approval for a new Associate of Applied Science degree in Medical Assisting. The program also offers course completion certificates for phlebotomy and electrocardiogram technicians. More plans are in the works for a laboratory technician and a sterile processing technician college certificate.

The unit name "Nursing Assistant" has become outdated and no longer reflects the diversified educational opportunities the program offers. The part-time and full-time faculty chose the name "Allied Healthcare Assistant" to represent the group of health care assistant courses, certifications, and the new degree in the program. Related programs throughout the state, such as NMSU-A use a comparable unit name to define the same type of courses. The name change will facilitate clearer communication about what the program offers to students, advisors, and the community.
Proposal to Modify Academic Unit

Date: June 7, 2019

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Sponsors: Sheila Fetherlin, Laura Jarry, and Sharon Lashley, Department of Nursing Assistant

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Budgetary and Staff Implications: The financial impact will be kept to a minimal by changing the name as supplies are used up (business card etc.) Advertising items are now being purchased for the new Associate Degree which presents an opportunity to update the name of the departmental name without additional costs.

No changes in staffing are required for a unit name change.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheila Fetherlin RN BSN
Program Director & Associate Professor

Laura Jarry RN BSN
Clinical Coordinator & Associate Professor

Sharon Lashley RN MBA BSN
Instructor
Department Name Change Proposal

Current Department Name: *Nursing Assistant*
Proposed Name Change: *Allied Healthcare Assistant*

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