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NMSU's Community College campuses make two years of college education available to students in their home environment. The community colleges provide a high quality program of education for all full-time and part-time students; provide occupational education; and provide noncredit community education courses.

Degree completion programs have been established at all NMSU Community College campuses. Students who live outside the Las Cruces main campus area may pursue a degree in Grants, Alamogordo or Carlsbad. The NMSU "2+2" program allows students to complete their first two years at a community college, then transfer to the Las Cruces campus and complete the last two years. Las Cruces campus courses are also available through distance education so students may complete their degree without ever having to relocate.

A student attending any NMSU Community College campus is enrolled as a New Mexico State University student and may change campuses without completing additional admission procedures.

Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

Associate degree programs are offered at the NMSU Community College campuses for those desiring specialized training for employment. Community, junior, and technical college transfer students may be admitted and classified on the basis of acceptable credits at two-year institutions. The Associate in Prebusiness degree, administered by the College of Business, is available to NMSU Community College campus students completing the requirements as outlined in the "College of Business" section of this catalog. Most courses required for the Associate in Applied Science with options in electronics technology offered at the Carlsbad, Grants, and Alamogordo campuses meet lower

division requirements for the baccalaureate degree program in Electronics Engineering Technology, which is offered on the Las Cruces campus through the College of Engineering. The Associate Degree in Pre-Engineering is administered through the College of Engineering.

Math requirements in some associate degree and certificate programs vary. ENGL 111G and all developmental studies courses in English, math, and reading must be completed with a grade of C or better. Please refer to your NMSU Community College campus catalog for details. The last 15 semester credits for an associate degree must be taken in residence at NMSU or one of NMSU Community Colleges. Degree requirements remain in effect for six years. The designation, Meritorious Graduate, is awarded to the top 15 percent of the students receiving associate degrees within each college in any one academic year, provided 45 or more credits have been completed at NMSU and/or an NMSU Community College with computable grades.

Occupational Education (OE prefix) Courses

OE prefix courses may be applicable toward four-year degrees at New Mexico State University without special approval of the appropriate department head and college dean. The College of Agriculture and Home Economics, the College of Business, the College of Health and Social Services, and the College of Extended Learning will accept a number of OE prefix courses in certain degree programs. Contact the respective college's advisor for detailed information.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Applied Business

The curriculum is designed for students who wish to prepare for entry-level positions. The required courses focus on the fundamentals of business operations giving special consideration to applied accounting practices, business law, economics, marketing, and management of human resources. A two-year associate degree is available. Students should refer to the appropriate NMSU Community College catalog for further information.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Applied Science

Curricula are designed to provide the educational skills and practical experiences necessary to enable a student to enter an occupational field as a skilled employee.

Options

The following Associate in Applied Science options are offered at the NMSU Community College campuses:

- **Alamogordo:** apprenticeship programs, biomedical electronics technology, electronics technology, fire science, information technology, legal assistant, microcomputer technology, technical communication, web mastery
- **Carlsbad:** drafting and graphics technology; electronics technology; facilities maintenance technology; heating, air conditioning and refrigeration; management information systems, manufacturing technology; welding technology
- **Doña Ana:** apprenticeship (electrical, machinist plumbing), automations and manufacturing technology; automotive technology; business office technology, computer technology; digital graphics technology; drafting and design technologies; education paraprofessional; electronics technology; emergency medical services; facilities maintenance and

landscaping technologies; fire science technology; heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration; hospitality services; legal assistant; library science; public health; respiratory care; vascular technology; welding technology

- **Grants:** automotive technology; computer technology; electronics technology; web mastery; welding trades

Consult appropriate NMSU Community College campus adviser or catalog for option requirements.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

This degree represents the completion of the first two years of most bachelor's degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students following the Associate of Arts degree are advised to select courses that fulfill the General Education requirements for all bachelor's degree programs at New Mexico State University.* It is recommended that students plan their elective courses to meet other requirements for their bachelor's degree.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

The Associate of Science degree represents the completion of the first two years of several bachelor's degree programs related to the sciences. Students pursuing the Associate of Science degree are advised to select courses that fulfill requirements for specific programs at New Mexico State University and that transfer to other four-year institutions. Many of the courses are General Education (G) courses.* Students interested in the sciences (e.g., biology or chemistry) or fields related to the sciences (e.g., agriculture or health sciences) are encouraged to follow this degree plan.

** General Education requirements were under revision at the time of publication. Students must check with their academic adviser for current requirements and lists of specific courses that meet these requirements.*

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Art and Graphic Design

This Art and Computer Graphics program leads to the associate degree that includes the General Education requirements and is designed to facilitate transfer of credit for those seeking a bachelor's degree in art at NMSU-Las Cruces.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Business Office Technology

The curriculum is designed to develop proficiency in the skills needed to prepare the student for varied office careers. Course work leading to this degree is offered only at the NMSU Community College campuses. Students should refer to the NMSU Community College catalogs for information and specific requirements. Several of the courses can be transferred into a baccalaureate program in Business Education at NMSU-Las Cruces.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Criminal Justice

This curriculum introduces the three facets of the criminal justice system (e.g., police, corrections, courts)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Early Childhood Education

This degree is designed to prepare highly qualified students to be professional teachers, assistant teachers, or family day care providers for children ages birth through eight years.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Education

This curriculum is designed to facilitate articulation and transfer of credit for those seeking the baccalaureate degree in the College of Education at NMSU-Las Cruces.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Education Paraprofessional

This curriculum is designed for those seeking positions as paraprofessionals in the education system.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: 3D Computer Animation

This degree is designed to give students practical training and experience in 3D computer animation.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Fine Arts

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to work as professional artists or to transfer to NMSU-Las Cruces to complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA).

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: General Studies

This degree represents the completion of the first two years of most bachelor degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Undecided

students are advised to follow this degree plan because it is flexible and will help structure their selection of classes until they decide on a major.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Heritage Interpretation

This degree is designed to prepare students for service as interpreters and technicians or for any field in which knowledge of the cultural and natural heritage of the southwest would be useful.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Medical Laboratory Technician

The curriculum is designed to provide the educational skills and practical experiences necessary to perform the duties of a qualified medical laboratory technician. The program consists of four semesters and one summer session. Practical experiences will be obtained in local pathology laboratories and hospitals. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, students will be qualified to take the registry examination offered by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Course work leading to this degree is offered only at the NMSU-Alamogordo Community College.

NOTE: This is a limited enrollment program. In addition to meeting regular undergraduate admission requirements, students must fulfill specific requirements of the program. Separate application and interviews are required prior to final acceptance.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Nursing

The Associate Degree in Nursing is offered at NMSU-Alamogordo, Carlsbad, and Doña Ana Community College campuses. Refer to the appropriate NMSU Community College catalog for degree requirements.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE: Public Health

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Occupational Business

This curriculum focuses on the fundamentals of business operations, giving special consideration to basic accounting practices, basic business law, economics, fundamentals of marketing, and management of human resources.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Pre-Business

This curriculum provides the first two years of any four-year business degree offered at NMSU-Las Cruces.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Pre-Engineering

This curriculum is designed to facilitate the articulation and transfer of credit for students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in engineering at NMSU-Las Cruces.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Radiologic Technology

The curriculum is designed to provide the knowledge and practical experiences necessary to perform the duties of a qualified medical radiologic technologist. The program consists of four semesters and four summer sessions. It is conducted in cooperation with Memorial Medical Center, Las Cruces, Guadalupe Medical Center, Carlsbad, and Gila Regional Medical Center, Silver City, El Paso, and Holloman Air Force Base. Successful completion of the associate degree will entitle the student to challenge the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists for certification. Course work leading to this degree is offered only at NMSU-Doña Ana Community College.

NOTE: This is a limited enrollment program. In addition to meeting regular undergraduate admission requirements, students must fulfill specific requirements of the program. Interviews are required prior to final acceptance.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Social Services

This curriculum is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in social services or community agencies as social service paraprofessionals.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Water Technology

The curriculum is designed to provide the skills necessary to perform the tasks of operations, maintenance, supervision, and laboratory analyses in a water supply or wastewater treatment system. The educational skills reflect those needed by the highest classification of certified operator, e.g., a Class IV operator in New Mexico. Course work leading to this degree is offered only at the NMSU-Doña Ana Community College.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS: Heritage Interpretation

This degree is designed to facilitate transfer of credit to a bachelor's degree program.

Certificate Programs

In addition to the regular degree programs offered by the NMSU Community College campuses, certificate programs in selected areas are offered.

Students are advised to contact the NMSU Community College campus for information on available certificate programs.

NMSU Community College Campus Information

Information concerning NMSU Community College campus programs, class schedules, catalogs, registration, and other data may be obtained from the NMSU Community College campus administration.

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