

## **UNM-Valencia's P-20 Partnerships**

and

## **Teacher Preparation Program**

for presentation to the

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The following are summaries of UNM-Valencia's P-20 partnerships and teacher preparation program. Unless otherwise stated, the material provided reflects processes and programs which took place during the 2007 – 2008 academic year.

### **Dual Credit and Concurrent Enrollment**

By far our largest program of this nature has been a partnership with area public schools with an end to provide qualifying students the opportunity to earn college credit while attending high school. In an attempt to make this opportunity available to as many high school students as possible, we implemented four different methods of delivery this past year. These include:

1. High school students attend regularly scheduled courses at our campus. During the 2007 – 2008 year 154 students from the Los Lunas and Belen school districts attended courses offered at the UNM-Valencia Campus.
2. High school students attend courses offered at the high school site scheduled after school lets out. These courses are offered twice a week and follow the regular 16-week college calendar. During the 2007 – 2008 year 61 high school students in the Los Lunas and Belen school districts enrolled in UNM-Valencia courses offered at the high school campus.
3. High school students enroll in an online UNM-Valencia academic course. During the 2007 – 2008 year 355 high school students from Belen High School, Los Lunas High School, Valencia High School, Socorro High School, and Mountainair High School enrolled in academic courses offered online by UNM-Valencia. Subjects included Algebra, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, Psychology, and Spanish.
4. High school students enrolled in selected/articulated high school career-technical courses receive credit for corresponding UNM-Valencia career-technical courses. During the 2007 – 2008 year 278 high school students enrolled in career-technical courses from high schools in Belen, Los Lunas, Valencia, Socorro, Alamo Navajo, Mountainair, and Magdalena. This program is a continuation of our Tech Prep

program. Although we were unsuccessful in continuing to receive Tech Prep funding, we continued the dual credit portion of the program.

### **Other Partnership and Outreach Programs**

In addition to the programs described above, UNM-Valencia has various other programs and partnerships with area public schools and other agencies as follows:

eCompass Testing Centers: College placement exam for college-level English and math courses administered at the following high schools: Belen, Los Lunas, Socorro and Valencia.

ACT Testing Site: Hosted by UNM Valencia for all service area high school students. Testing days are on Saturdays in the Fall and Spring terms as per ACT National Scheduled Testing Dates.

New Mexico Gear Up Program Plan Testing Site: Hosted by UNM Valencia for all the middle school students at Belen, Los Lunas and Manzano districts.

College & Career Fairs: Provide information and resources to students and teachers in grades 9-12 at the following high schools: Belen, Los Lunas, Valencia, Mountainair, and Alamo Navajo.

High School Counselors: Provide presentations for high school students on an on-going basis as requested by high school counseling staff (individual, small group and large group). Provide information and resources to students in grades 9-12 at the following high schools throughout the year: Belen, Los Lunas, Valencia, Century and Mountainair.

FAFSA College Goal Sunday: Hosted one of two sites (other site was Belen High School) in February 2008 and staffed other site to provide graduating high school students and their families support to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Promotes Legislative Lottery Scholarship Opportunity. Partnered with Lumina Grant and New Mexico Student Loans.

Financial Aid Presentations: Partnered with New Mexico Student Loans and high schools in service area: Belen, Los Lunas and Socorro. Provide presentation on college resources and financial aid resources to high school students and families.

Parent Night: Hosted at UNM-Valencia Campus for all high school students and their parents interested in dual credit and concurrent enrollment college class information offered at service area high schools and home school students.

Partnering for Student Success – Filling Your Toolkit Event: Hosted by Belen Consolidated Schools in February 2008. Pre-K through 16 Education Resource Initiative: targeted at all elementary and secondary students and their families in Belen Consolidated Schools.

General Atomic Science Conference and Exposition: Four day event to be hosted at UNM-Valencia for all 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers in Los Lunas Public Schools (1,900 students/100 teachers). Partnering with Sandia National Laboratories and Envisioneering, Inc. to provide hands-on science exhibits and demonstrations to students and professional development workshop for teachers.

New Mexico MESA Program: Partner with New Mexico Math Engineering Science Achievement Program to host high school students on campus to provide college-level science demonstrations in the Health Sciences Department cadaver lab and college campus tour. High schools participating include: Belen, Los Lunas, West Mesa, Valley and Albuquerque High.

Los Lunas High School Project with Business Technology Department: UNM-Valencia hosts mock interview assignment for high school students in work study class. The high school students prepare a professional resume and make appointment for mock interview with UNM-Valencia staff. The high school students are provided with college information, college resources and campus tour.

Century High School Research Project: UNM-Valencia hosted all the high school students and teachers in conducting a research project on the History of Valencia County with the campus library and faculty. The high school students are provided with college information, college resources and campus tour. Century High School is an alternative high school with Los Lunas Public Schools.

Upward Bound Program: UNM-Valencia provides regularly scheduled after school tutoring at high school sites, college campus academic experiences, and community/cultural enrichment opportunities for students at Belen and Los Lunas High Schools. Will add Valencia High School in the near future.

### **Teacher Preparation Program**

UNM-Valencia offers an Associate of Arts in Education degree and Education Certificate, each with optional focus on secondary or elementary education. The associate program provides students with all required lower-division/pre-professional coursework for a BA in Education. During the 2006 fall semester 11% of students who

declared a major were majoring in education, and 15 out of 134 total graduates (11.2%) this past spring received degrees in education.

### **Transfers to UNM-Albuquerque**

During the 2006 – 2007 academic year 110 UNM-Valencia students continued their studies at UNM-Albuquerque. This figure accounts for 30.8% of the total transfers from UNM branch campuses.