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DE Opens New Center in Albuquerque



NMSU representatives who have been involved with planning the new center in Albuquerque include (l-r) Jeffrey Brandon, Dean of the College of Health and Social Services; Theresa Acker of Admissions; Provost William Flores; and Carmen Gonzales, Vice Provost for Distance Education. Photo by J. Victor Espinoza (courtesy of Panorama, Winter Issue 2004).

In addition, the office will serve as a second home for NMSU offices such as Admissions and Recruiting, NMSU Foundation and Alumni, College of Health and Social Services' Master of Social Work Program, and WERC: A Consortium for Environmental and Technology.

The Admissions and Recruiting Office has general information regarding each College at New Mexico State University and has forms potential students can use to apply and be admitted to NMSU.

The NMSU Foundation is an incorporated, nonprofit organization developed solely to benefit New Mexico State University. The Foundation is a tax-exempt organization registered with the New Mexico State Corporation Commission.

The College of Health and Social Sciences will offer its Master of Social Work Program at the Albuquerque center. The college launched MSW distance education classes in Albuquerque in spring 2002, using meeting space loaned by the University of New Mexico.

"Since 2002 enrollment has grown from 15 students to 60, with another 15 students expected to join in January," said Dean Jeffrey Brandon.

"The current arrangement has become unmanageable," Brandon said. "We're

New Mexico State University's College of Extended Learning expanded the higher education options for New Mexico's distance learners with the opening of the Albuquerque Center on January 29.

The 10,000-square-foot center, located across from the Coronado Mall in the Compass Bank Building at 2444 Louisiana NE, will house high-tech distance education classrooms for students in the greater metropolitan area and northern New Mexico. It will also serve as a multipurpose center where NMSU faculty, staff, and students from around the state can meet.

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February 21 Time Management Tips for the Organizationally Impaired

February 24 Pedagogy 101 for Distance Learning Faculty

February 25 From Theory to Practice: Embedding Service Learning in Academic Courses

Visit the other events and academic events areas of the Teaching Academy web site [<http://www.teaching.nmsu.edu/>].

Profiles



Roberta Derlin
Associate Vice
Provost

College of Extended
Learning

The Office of Distance Education welcomes Dr. Roberta “Bobbie” Derlin as the newest addition to the College of Extended Learning. Dr. Derlin will serve as Associate Vice Provost and Associate Dean, overseeing and managing current activities and new initiatives in distance education. Derlin previously served NMSU in the College of Education as a tenured Associate Professor and most recently as Associate Director for Planning and Outcomes Assessment with the Department of Institutional Research. Dr. Derlin has over 30 years experience in higher education financial management, human resources administration, and university instruction. She completed her PH.D in Urban Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she also received a BA and MS in Psychology. Dr. Derlin also completed an MBA in accounting and finance from Cornell University.

LT Usergroup

Learning Technologies Usergroup will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at 1:30 pm. The speaker is Dr. Carmen Gonzales, Vice Provost For Distance Education and Dean of the College of Extended Learning. Future meetings are planned for 2nd Tuesday in March and April at 1:30 pm. Contact Tim Barnett-Queen [trbqueen@nmsu.edu] for more information.

DE Reports from the Colleges

College of Arts and Sciences

The Criminal Justice Department is now offering a Bachelor in Criminal Justice via distance education. The Department has two upper division courses this semester. The first course, CJ 331 American Correctional Institution, focuses on the structural and operational systems of the American jail systems. The second course, CJ 411 Introduction to the Nature of Crime, is a criminological theory class. Dr. Jim Maupin, the Criminal Justice Department Head, said the idea behind the degree started after faculty from New Mexico State University Branch Campus in Carlsbad and New Mexico Military Institute said they wanted to help meet students’ interest in criminal justice. “This is just one more way we are trying to serve NMSU’s land grant mission,” Maupin said. “Plus it is a start at reaching some of the students in New Mexico that are interested in Criminal Justice.” For more information e-mail the Criminal Justice Department at crimjust@nmsu.edu

College of Education

The Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) is a 32-credit fifth-year program of study planned for career teachers. Candidates must complete a minimum of 17-18 credits in mathematics numbered 450 or above and 14-15 credits in advance professional course work.

The professional coursework must be taken in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and culminates with a written examination over the program of study. A candidate may choose to write a thesis in place of the written exam.

This program should help teachers develop:

- A deep understanding of the mathematics they teach
- Pedagogical content knowledge to help them facilitate the learning of their students
- Commitment to respecting the diversity of their students in ensuring equity and high expectations for all students.

For details contact Dr. Juanita Mendoza-Hannan at juamendo@nmsu.edu or Dr. Rick Scott at pscott@nmsu.edu.

College of Engineering

The Electric Utility Management Program was established in 1968 and is a program of study leading to the MSEE degree. Since 1995 EUMP has offered these classes to distance education students via videotaped lectures. Current delivery methods include videotape/DVD by mail or video download from the College of Engineering Distance Education website. Most commonly, a class is offered under distance education in the semester that it is offered on campus. Twelve students have completed the MSEE degree and eight students are going through the program at this time. Many others have chosen to take classes of interest as non-degree students. For additional information contact Dr. Satish J. Ranade, sranade@nmsu.edu.

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grateful for the space loaned to us, but University of New Mexico often schedules workshops and events when our classes are taking place, and we occasionally get bumped from the classrooms."

WERC is a New Mexico partnership that leverages environmental expertise from NMSU, UNM, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Diné College, Sandia National Laboratories, and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Carmen Gonzales, Vice Provost for Distance Education, said the Albuquerque Center is essential for NMSU because of the rapid growth in distance education programs. She said enrollment in distance education grew nearly 300 percent in two years, from 373 in fall 2002 to 1,428 in Fall 2004.

"Even with the technology-based courses, students and professors need to meet face-to-face once or twice per semester, and that means students have to drive from locations that are far away such as Farmington to Las Cruces," Gonzales said. "The Albuquerque Center offers a mid-point for meetings and classes that will ease the burden on students and professors."

The University offers 23 degrees, certificates, and licensure programs via distance education. This includes master degrees in criminal justice, industrial engineering, and social work at locations in Albuquerque and elsewhere, and through online course and video conferencing.

University President Michael Martin said NMSU is a statewide university working to meet the state's needs by providing services in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.

"The programs offered through the Albuquerque center will help fulfill educational needs that would otherwise go unmet," Martin said. "We don't want to encroach on anybody's territory. We're simply adding more higher education choices for the state's biggest urban population."

Parts of this article were taken from the NMSU's University Communication's January issue of *Panorama*.



New Mexico State University's College of Extended Learning opened a new distance-learning center in the heart of Albuquerque. The new center is located at 2444 Louisiana Blvd. NE in the Compass Building across from Coronado Center.

Resources

For information regarding programs and offices available at the Albuquerque Center, please check out the following websites:

New Mexico State University
— www.nmsu.edu

**College of Extended Learning
Distance Education** —
www.nmsu.edu/distance

Admissions & Recruiting Office
— www.nmsu.edu/admissions.html

**College of Health and Social
Services Master of Social Work
Program** — [www.nmsu.edu/
~socwork/msw/](http://www.nmsu.edu/~socwork/msw/)

NMSU Foundation/Alumni
— www.giving.nmsu.edu

**WERC: A Consortium for
Environmental and Technology
Department** — www.werc.net

News and Events

For national and international events, visit the *DE Clearinghouse Conference Database* [www.uwex.edu/disted/conference.html].

For recent distance education headlines, visit *Daily News* at Distance-Educator.com [www.distance-educator.dcom/dnews/].

For news for university faculty members and administrators, visit *The Chronicle on Higher Education* site [www.chronicle.com].

For recent campus technology headlines visit *Syllabus* [www.syllabus.com].

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We welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions for UpClose. To submit a story idea, please contact us no later than the 15th of the month for publication in the following issue.

The Vice Provost's Corner



New Mexico State University's Office Distance Education and College of Extended Learning now bring new distance opportunities with the opening of the Albuquerque Center that houses high-tech distance education classrooms and a conference room with ITV capabilities. ITV capabilities give us the opportunity to meet with people from Albuquerque more frequently and conveniently.

The 10,000-square-foot center, located in the Compass Bank Building at 2444 Louisiana NE, across from the Coronado Mall, will also serve as a multipurpose center where NMSU personnel from around the state can gather for face-to-face meetings. In addition, the Center will house NMSU offices such as Admissions and Recruiting, NMSU Foundation and Alumni, and WERC.

The Albuquerque Center is essential for NMSU to provide comprehensive support for rapidly growing distance education programs. The Albuquerque Center is a mid-point in the state that facilitates our capability to meet students' needs. Students and professors will be able to meet face-to-face once or twice per semester even in technology-based courses. Students will no longer have to drive from distant locations to Las Cruces. We are hoping that the Center will provide a convenient meeting place for administrators, faculty, and staff when they are in the Albuquerque area.

For more information regarding the Albuquerque Center, its programs, or to reserve the conference room or classrooms, e-mail distance@nmsu.edu or call 505-646-4692 or 800-821-1574

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