



**Instructional Council
Policies and Procedures
Manual
2025 – 2026 Academic Year**

A Welcome from the Dean of Instruction

I am happy to present the latest update to the Instructional Council Policies and Procedures Manual. This guide is designed to provide information related to academic affairs' activities at the Valencia Campus of the University of New Mexico.

The material here will be especially useful for instructional leaders at the college, such as division chairs, program managers, and program coordinators. Please consult this document to answer questions related to organization and structure, enrollment management, curriculum development, and faculty matters such as hiring, compensation and evaluation.

This manual is a living, dynamic document, which is updated on an annual basis. Thank you for your service to UNM-Valencia!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura".

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Instructional Council's Mission, Purpose and Composition

Mission

The mission of the Instructional Council is to actively participate in fulfilling UNM-Valencia's Mission to "provide community residents with lifelong educational opportunities in order to better prepare them to actively participate in the world as productive, responsible and creative individuals."

As faculty and staff administrators, it is our aim to provide our students with the best possible opportunities to achieve their educational goals.

Purpose

The Instructional Council is an advisory board to the Dean of Instruction in all matters that pertain to instruction. It is also a forum for the exchange of information. All major decisions in the instructional area are made by the Instructional Council in conjunction with the Faculty Assembly through the shared governance process.

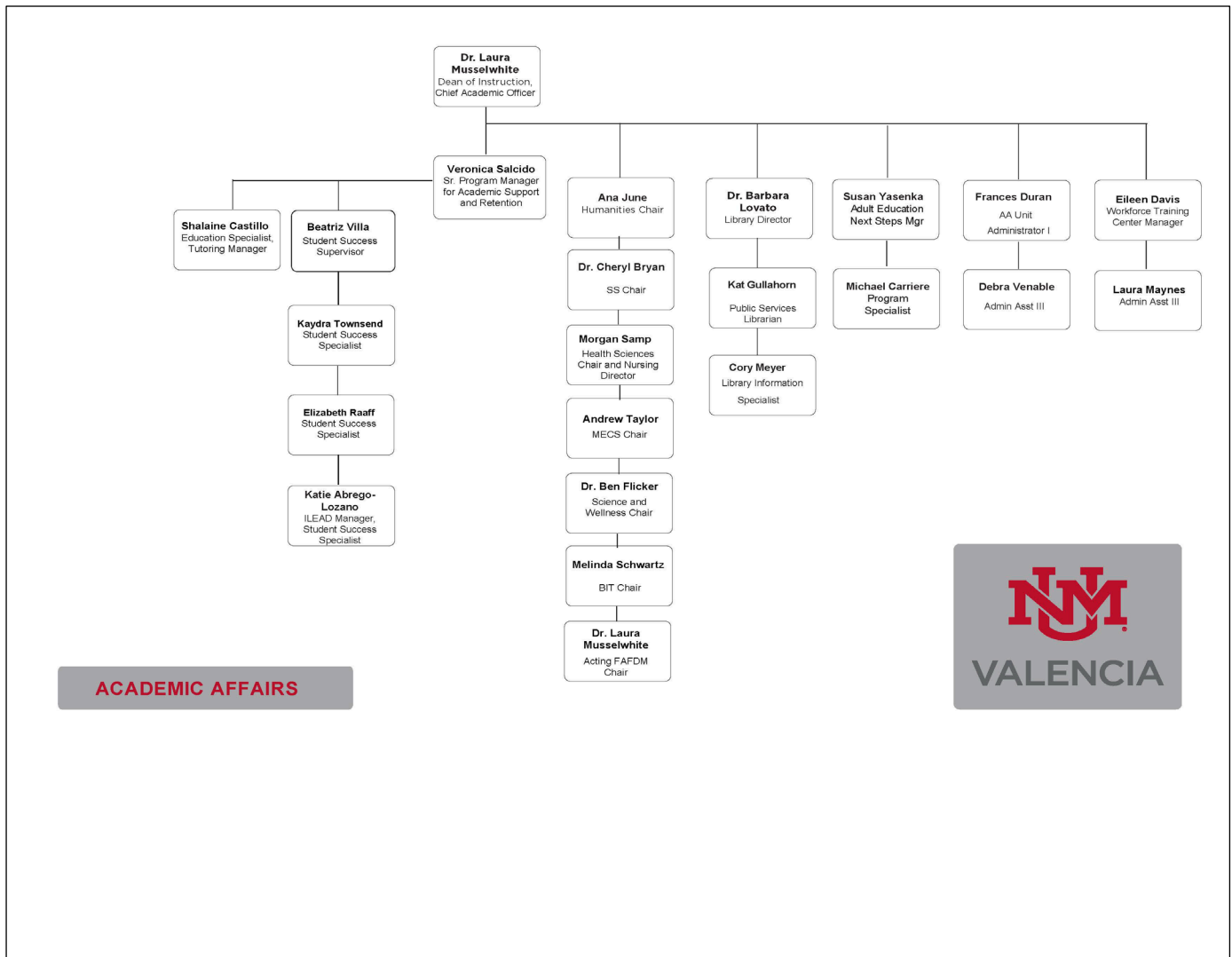
Composition

The Instructional Council is composed of faculty administrators and staff managers, most of whom are supervisors within the instructional area. The following are the positions and current members of the Instructional Council:

- *Justin Bendell*, jbendell@unm.edu, 505.925.8623, Coordinator, English
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- *Patricia Gillikin*, gillikin@unm.edu, 505.925.8616, Director, Writing Center

- Cindi Goodman, cyndia@unm.edu, 505.925.8912, Coordinator, Developmental Mathematics and the Math Center
- Tim Gutierrez, tgutierrez62@unm.edu, 505.925.8972, Program Coordinator, Allied Health
- Sarah Heyward, sheyward@unm.edu, 505.925.8712, Coordinator, Gallery
- Ana June, anajune@unm.edu, 505.925.8906, Chair, Humanities
- Barbara Lovato, bllovato@unm.edu, 505.925.8991, Director, Library
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- Meghan Parry, mparry2@unm.edu, 505.925.8872, Chair, Health Sciences; Director, Nursing Program
- Veronica Salcido, verosalcido@unm.edu, 505.925.8598, Sr. Program Manager for Academic Support and Retention
- Melinda Schwartz, mcschwartz@unm.edu, 505.925.8665, Chair, Business and Industrial Technologies
- Stephen Takach, set@unm.edu, 505.925.8730, Coordinator, Business Administration
- Andy Taylor, ataylor19@unm.edu, 505.925.8607, Chair, Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science
- Debra Venable, dvenable@unm.edu, 505.925.8606, Administrative Assistant III, Academic Affairs
- Susan Yassenka, yassenka@unm.edu, 505.925.8920, Program Manager, Next Steps: Adult Education

Academic Affairs Structure:



Meeting Times

The Instructional Council (IC) formally meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:30pm to 3:00pm during the fall and spring semesters. Meetings are held either in person or virtually. Meetings are open to “visitors,” i.e., non-IC members, to include UNM-Valencia faculty, staff and students, as well as the public at-large. Visitors need not notify the Dean of Instruction or Academic Affairs Office prior to attending an IC meeting, but they should contact the dean ahead of a meeting if they wish to address the IC. The Dean of Instruction can be contacted as follows: 505.925.8601 (office) or lmusselwhite@unm.edu.

Academic Support Departments

Academic Affairs Office

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide professional and courteous administrative assistance to all of our faculty and students, so that their experience at UNM-Valencia Campus is a positive and productive one.

General Information

The Academic Affairs Office is located in the Arts and Sciences building. You may reach the Academic Affairs Office by calling 505.925.8600.

The Academic Affairs Office performs the following functions:

- Process part-time faculty hires
- Process teaching agreements and faculty contracts
- Process faculty approvals to teach courses
- Assign classrooms
- Create the schedule of classes (hardcopy, online and on UNM's student information system)
- Maintain budgets for most academic departments
- Process curriculum changes
- Provide assistance to students (e.g., messages for faculty, will receive portfolio and homework for instructors, class cancellation posting and other general student assistance as needed)
- Provide other services to faculty (please refer to "Services Provided" below)

Academic Affairs Office Staff

The Academic Affairs Office staff consists of the following positions and general responsibilities and description of duties:

- ↳ Unit Administrator I, *Frances Duran*, fduran@unm.edu, A112, 505.925.8602. The Unit Administrator reports directly to the Dean of Instruction and has the following responsibilities:
 - Manages all operations of the Academic Affairs Office and supervises Administrative Assistant III, and Administrative Assistant III staff as well as work studies
 - Processes part-time faculty hires
 - Processes instructor overloads, part-time pay, through faculty contracts
 - Maintains official faculty files

- Maintains tenure and promotion documents
- Creates the schedule of classes in Banner and maintains caps
- Primary contact for collection of syllabi and post to website
- Oversees student evaluation process
- Assists Dean of Instruction
- Contact for Banner instructor of record
- Serves as point of contact for faculty who require assistance with Banner access for instructor of record or computer access
- Coordinates budget process
- Prepares specialized reports as needed

↳ Administrative Assistant III, Debra Venable, dvenable@unm.edu, A109, 505.925.8606. The Administrative Assistant III reports directly to the Academic Affairs Office Unit Administrator and has the following responsibilities:

- Manages the dean's and the Academic Affairs Office's budget and assists most chairs by managing their academic department budgets
- Prepares purchase requests for faculty
- Prepares and processes travel vouchers
- Processes professional development forms
- Arranges meetings
- As needed, serves as backup receptionist and provides assistance to faculty and students
- Orders desk copies for instructors

In addition, the Academic Affairs Office has a work study student who serves as front desk receptionist and provides support to faculty, staff and students. Work study students report directly to the Academic Affairs Office Administrator.

Office Hours

Office hours for fall and spring semesters are:

- ↳ Mondays – Thursdays: 7:30am to 5:30pm
- ↳ Fridays: 8:00am to 5:00pm

Summer semester hours are:

- ↳ Mondays – Thursdays: 7:30a to 5:30pm
- ↳ Fridays: 8:00am to 5:00pm

When classes are not in session, office hours are:

- ↳ Mondays – Fridays: 8:00a to 5:00pm

Services Provided

A few of the services we offer include:

- ✓ Provide part-time faculty a work area with desktop computer, phone and mail box
- ✓ Duplicating documents and fixing paper jams, scanning documents, assignment of copy codes
- ✓ Arranging for instructor evaluations (EvalKit)
- ✓ Ordering desk copies (i.e., instructor manuals)
- ✓ Accessing basic classroom supplies (markers, folders, etc.)
- ✓ Provide a place for students to drop off/pickup homework and portfolios and leave messages for instructors
- ✓ Arrange for class cancellations (the office staff will post cancellation notices on the classroom door and will make every effort to call students in the event an instructor cancels a class if possible)
- ✓ Assist students with questions, help them find their classrooms, post changes to classes

Some of the services we cannot provide (but will direct you to the appropriate department) include:

- ✗ Assistance with instructional equipment (although we can call Technology Support for you)
- ✗ Document processing (you will need to create your own syllabi, study guides, tests, etc.)
- ✗ Entering attendance

Other Services/More Information

Additional services and information, including the names of current office staff and work studies, may be found by visiting the Academic Affairs Office web site at <http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/index.html>.

Library

Vision Statement:

UNM Valencia Campus Library will be the destination of choice for all the information needs of its students, faculty, staff, and community users.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the UNM-Valencia Campus Library is to utilize its human resources, technology and physical facilities to engage, educate and empower its students, faculty, staff, and community users by providing responsive library services and collections aligned with the organizational values and culture of the UNM-Valencia Campus along with physical and virtual learning environments that invite study, discovery, and creation and facilitate both independent and collaborative work.

General Information

The campus Library's web presence can be found at:

<http://valencia.unm.edu/library>. The Library provides access to hundreds of databases with thousands of full-text articles, as well as ebooks and streaming videos. In its physical collection, the Library has over 45,000 books, magazines, newspapers and maps and over 3,500 films. Through the online catalog (LIBROS), students can get information about not only what is housed at the Valencia library but also about the holdings of libraries worldwide. Twenty-three computers as well as two black and white and one color printer are available for use. Other services provided by the Library include Interlibrary Loan, Course Reserves, group and individual Library Instruction sessions and tours.

Library Staff and Faculty

↳ Library Director and Principal Lecturer III, Barbara Lovato, bllovato@unm.edu, LRC150, 505.925.8991.

The Library Director reports directly to the Dean of Instruction and has the following responsibilities:

- Supervises all Library processes to include:
 - Managing Library accounts
 - Collection development
 - Cataloging
 - Interlibrary Loan
 - Course reserves
 - Circulation

- Reference services
 - Social media activities
 - Department statistics and reports
 - Supervises Library faculty, staff and work study student employees
 - Represents the Valencia Campus Library at community and campus meetings and events
- ✚ Public Services Librarian and Senior Lecturer III, *Kat Gullahorn*, krge@unm.edu, LRC148, 505.925.8993. The Public Services Librarian reports directly to the Library Director and has the following responsibilities:
- Provides Library and information literacy instruction
 - Provides general reference services
 - Creates and maintains the Library's web pages
 - Develops and coordinates Library's promotional activities (for example: brochures, handouts, bulletin boards, social media activities and tours)
 - Assists in collection development
 - Represents the Valencia Campus Library at meetings and events if the Library Director is unable to attend
 - Assists with Interlibrary Loan and Cataloging
- ✚ Library Information Specialist, *Cory Meyer*, cjmeyer@unm.edu, LRC149, 505.925.8992. The Library Information Specialist reports directly to the Library Director and has the following responsibilities:
- Maintains overdue/delinquent files
 - Maintains serials collection including check-in files and claims
 - Prepares periodicals to be sent to binder
 - Maintains New Mexico State documents
 - Maintains physical patron files
 - Maintains course reserves
 - Assists with Interlibrary Loans, Cataloging and Reference Services
 - Supervises work study student employees
 - Repairs books

Services Provided

- ✚ Library Instruction classes
- ✚ Course reserves
- ✚ Interlibrary Loan
- ✚ Black and white and color printing

- ↳ Microform reader/printers
- ↳ Public computers with internet connectivity
- ↳ Access to online full text periodical articles and streaming videos
- ↳ Access to UNM's shared online catalog (LIBROS)
- ↳ Community borrowing privileges
- ↳ Access to the Tome' area archive collection
- ↳ Access to archives of campus documents such as; campus budgets, schedules, catalogs, committee minutes, and accreditation reports
- ↳ Access to New Mexico government documents
- ↳ Maps and aerial photographs of the Valencia County area
- ↳ Access to a physical collection of over 3,500 films and over 45,000 books, magazines and newspapers.
- ↳ One group study room and spaces for individual and group study throughout the library.
- ↳ UNM LoboCard IDs
- ↳ Printing "Add Funds" machine

Hours of Operation

Regular Library hours (Fall and Spring semesters) are:

- ↳ Monday through Thursday, 8:00am – 8:30pm
- ↳ On the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, 8:00am – 5:00pm
- ↳ On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 10:30am – 5:00pm
- ↳ The Library is closed on Saturdays and Sundays

Intersession Library hours are:

- ↳ Monday through Thursday, 8:00am – 5:00pm
- ↳ On the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, 8:00am – 5:00pm
- ↳ On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 10:30am – 5:00pm
- ↳ The Library is closed on Saturdays and Sundays

Library Computer Lab (LRC 143)

The Library has a twenty-three work station computer lab used to teach Library instruction. This lab may also be reserved for use by other classes as needed and based on availability.

Next Steps: Adult Education Center

Mission: Illuminating Paths – Elevating Expectations

Vision: Empowering adult learners to achieve their dreams and aspirations.

Purpose

The Next Steps: Adult Education Center helps adults improve skills to transition effectively into post-secondary education and the workforce as well as skills to be more effective in their communities. Services include:

- ✧ Career exploration and career planning
- ✧ Improving reading, writing and math skills, including services for speakers of other languages
- ✧ Enhancing knowledge of civic activities and community participation
- ✧ Completing secondary education which may include preparing for the HiSET® or GED® exams in either Spanish or English
- ✧ Enhancing employability skills
- ✧ Preparing for post-secondary education
- ✧ Accelerating entrance into career pathways through Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST)

General Information

The Next Steps: Adult Education Center provides instruction in academic and vocational skills to support transition to college and careers throughout Valencia, Socorro and Torrance Counties. All courses include basic computer training as it applies to education and career preparation. Blended learning (students meet once or twice per week and complete instruction online) is available at all sites. Classes work to be as HyFlex as possible—allowing students to attend in person while live streaming the class via Google Meet. Classes are recorded and uploaded into Google Classroom where students can view recorded classes for asynchronous learning. Individualized tutoring is also available.

Faculty and Administrative Structure

Next Steps: Adult Education has faculty and staff as follows:

✧ Next Steps: Adult Education Center Program Manager, Susan Yasenka, yasenka@unm.edu, C108A, 505.925.8920. The Next Steps: Adult Education Center Program Manager reports directly to the Dean of Instruction, and has the following responsibilities:

- Research and design of effective strategies for program improvement
- Manage multiple grants related to college and career readiness
- Supervision and training of staff

↳ Program Specialist, Michael Carriere, mcarriere@unm.edu, C108C, 505.925.8922.

The Program Specialist has the following responsibilities in addition to classroom instruction:

- Lead curriculum development based on current research and best practices
- Hire non-credit instructors for intensive classes
- Supervise instructional staff
- Assist with professional development and coordination of program faculty
- Communicate program and instructional needs to the manager and faculty

↳ Training Specialist, Allison Lucero, alliluc@unm.edu, C110C, 505.925.8924. The Training Specialist has the following responsibilities:

- Hire, train and supervise workstudy/student employee tutors
- Coordinate new student orientations and assessments
- Meet with all incoming students as a Career Navigator
- Teach blended and distance courses for Socorro
- Provide ongoing support to students using the Coaching model

↳ Training Specialist, Claudia Lopez, cdlopez192@unm.edu, C110B, 505.925.8928. The Training Specialist has the following responsibilities:

- Teach classes in Spanish to prepare for high school equivalency exams; includes topics in civic participation and English language acquisition
- Teach blended learning classes at various sites in Valencia County
- Work with employers to develop appropriate curriculum for workplace literacy and/or integrated education and training
- Coordinate new student orientations and assessments in English and Spanish

Part-Time Faculty and Facilitators – C110A, 505.925.8900. Next Steps: Adult Education Center part-time Instructional Staff are hired each semester and report directly to the Adult Education Center Program Specialist. Part-time instructors teach and assess intensive classes following program reporting policies and procedures.

✉ Administrative Assistant II, Dolores Flores de Larranaga, mdflores@unm.edu, C108B, 505.925.8921. The Administrative Assistant II has the following responsibilities:

- Assist with equipment inventory
- Assist with English language learners entering the program

Other Services/Enrolling in the Next Steps: Adult Education Center

General steps for enrolling in the program:

1. Complete pre-registration form at <http://nextsteps.unm.edu>.
2. Attend Introduction to the Next Steps: Adult Education Center, a new student orientation session via a self-paced online Introduction or an in-person/livestream orientation.
3. Meet with Career Navigator to discuss personal and professional goals.
4. Assess skills in math, reading and language, as appropriate.
5. Upon satisfactory completion of above, students may enroll in leveled intensive five-week courses or take practice tests.
6. Student progress is reviewed at the end of every five-week session and next steps are determined.
7. Lightspeed classes are offered for students preparing to enter post-secondary education.

More Information

More information is available on the web at <http://nextsteps.unm.edu> or by calling 505.925.8900.

Pasos Resource Center

Mission

The PASOS Resource Center (PRC) mission is to remove barriers to academic success through multiple strategies, including a safe space with student-informed programming and services. It provides student-centered services to meet non-academic needs, such as food insecurity and social/emotional support. It offers a welcoming environment to the diverse student population with friendly and sincere guidance that supports and helps students navigate the balance of college and life.

General Information

The Pasos Resource Center is located in the Learning Resources Center and is the umbrella organization for the campus food pantry, Student Success Coaching/Advising, and Tutoring Services.

Pasos Resource Center Staff

↳ Senior Program Manager for Academic Support and Retention, *Veronica Salcido*, verosalcido@unm.edu. The Senior Program Manager reports directly to the Dean of Instruction. Responsibilities include:

- Supervises all operations and programs in the Pasos Resource Center
- Supervises the directors of Student Success Coaching/Advising and Tutoring Services
- Provides and/or supervises workshops and training for staff and faculty in areas of academic support and retention

↳ Peer Mentors: The peer mentors report directly to the Senior Program Manager and Supervisor of Student Success and have the following responsibilities:

- Connect with peers
- Provide individualized support, guidance, and encouragement
- Facilitate college navigation
- Make referrals to campus and community resources
- Provide support for social and cultural events

Programs and Services

↳ Workshops

↳ Mental Health and Wellbeing Seminars

↳ Cultural Events

Student Success Coaching/Advising

Mission

To provide **holistic** academic advising through individualized, **sustained**, and **relationship-centered** support that recognizes the **whole person** beyond academics. An Academic Success Coach/Advisor builds **trust** and provides **proactive, personalized** guidance that responds to each student's unique goals and life circumstances. Through a **strategic** and **integrated** approach, advisors connect students to campus and community resources, fostering belonging, resilience, and success throughout their academic journey.

General Information

Student Success Coaching/Advising is located in the Pasos Resources Center and oversees all advising for students at UNM-Valencia. Students are required to see a coach each term to consult on program and class choices. Students may also make appointments for a wide variety of other reasons, such as non-academic resources, academic resources, and campus resources.

Student Success Coaching/Advising Staff

- ✦ Supervisor, Student Success, Beatriz Villa, beatrizvilla@unm.edu . The Supervisor, Student Success reports directly to the Senior Program Manager for Academic Support and Retention. Responsibilities include:
 - Supervises all operations and programs for Student Success Coaching/Advising
 - Supervises the Student Success Coaches/Advisors
- ✦ Student Success Specialist Senior, Katie Abrego-Lozano, katieabrego@unm.edu . The Student Success Specialist Senior reports directly to the Supervisor, Student Success. Responsibilities include:
 - Advising and coaching students in program choice, class choice, and a wide variety of other topics.
- ✦ Student Success Specialist Senior, Elizabeth Raaff, eraaff@unm.edu . The Student Success Specialist Senior reports directly to the Supervisor, Student Success. Responsibilities include:
 - Advising and coaching students in program choice, class choice, and a wide variety of other topics.

↪ Student Success Specialist Senior, Kaydra Townsend, ktownsend@unm.edu . The Student Success Specialist Senior reports directly to the Supervisor, Student Success. Responsibilities include:

- Advising and coaching students in program choice, class choice, and a wide variety of other topics.

Programs and Services

- ↪ **CARE Reporting**: The Campus Assessment and Response Education (CARE) Reporting is a student-centered referral system for faculty and staff when students need academic support, experiencing personal struggles, or potentially problematic behavior.
- ↪ **Individual Advisement and Coaching**: A personalized, relationship-centered approach where advisors build trust, offer ongoing guidance, and connect students to resources that support their goals, well-being, and academic success.
- ↪ **Group Advisement**: Providing sustained, integrated cohort approach where Academic Success Coaches/Advisors build trust, offer ongoing guidance, and connect students to resources that support their goals, well-being, and academic success.
- ↪ **Success Teams**: A collaborative effort of Faculty, Academic Success Coach/Advisors and Peer Mentors that supports UNM-Valencia students by offering individualized support in course selection navigation and career choice.
- ↪ **Embedded Advising (High Schools)**: A personalized, relationship-centered approach where advisors support high school students in their dual credit course selection and college preparation. They build trust and provide sustained, proactive guidance tailored to each student's goals, connecting them to college and community resources to foster belonging, resilience, and academic success.
- ↪ **New Student Orientation**: At new student orientation, Academic Success Coaches/Advisors introduce academic navigation, campus services, and engagement opportunities, fostering confidence and a sense of belonging.
- ↪ **Transfer Guidance and Support**: Academic Success Coach/Advisors serve as guides, planners, advocates, and support systems, helping students move efficiently and confidently from UNM-Valencia (two-year college) to a four-year university while minimizing credit loss and delays.

Tutoring Services

Mission

Tutoring Services is committed to the development of independent learners who assume responsibility for their education.

The mission of Tutoring Services is to contribute to the retention of students by facilitating student learning and to assist students in their academic achievement by the development of self-efficacy through forming attributes that sustain learning.

General Information

Tutoring Services is a collaboration of the STEM Center, Math Center, Writing Center, and open Learning Center, providing tutoring, supplemental instruction (SI), study areas, on-line tutoring and computer labs for individuals and/or groups. Students registered for UNM-Valencia courses are automatically registered for services so need only login to use tutoring services. Students may drop-in or make appointments for services. Instructors and/or students may request lab or test reviews (math, sciences, grammar) and workshops in a variety of topics (calculator, study strategies, math topics/concepts and grammar). Tutoring is provided for college courses.

At the beginning of each semester tutors provide a short presentation to let students know that tutoring is available and free, and to explain the procedure for making appointments and scheduling study groups or review sessions.

Learning Commons Staff

✎ Education Specialist and Senior STEM Tutor, Shalaine Castillo, sbuck07@unm.edu
L108, 505.925.8515. The Education Specialist reports directly to the Senior Program Manager for Academic Support and Retention, and has the following responsibilities:

- Provides general oversight of the tutorial program and activities
- Supervises and trains student tutors
- Supervises and trains student tutors in College Reading & Learning Association curriculum
- Data entry and analytics to inform programmatic decisions

✎ Student Tutors: The student tutors report directly to the Education Specialist and have the following responsibilities:

- Provide one-to-one and group tutoring, supplemental instruction, develop and conduct workshops and reviews
- Assist students in the computer labs
- Check out equipment such as laptops, tablets, calculators and headphones

Services Provided

The Learning Commons provides the following services for students:

- ↳ Peer and professional tutors trained to recognize and accommodate diverse learning styles
- ↳ Supplemental Instruction (SI) workshops for traditionally difficult academic subjects
- ↳ Tutors who provide support to students in computer applications
- ↳ On-line tutoring and access to state-of-the-art technology and software
- ↳ Workshops and seminars on study skills, goal setting, learning strategies, and time management
- ↳ Course specific study groups and reviews

Please call 505.925.8515 for center hours or to schedule an individual tutoring appointment or study group session. Students can make tutoring appointments through [Learning Commons Bookings](#).

Related Centers

Also falling under the umbrella of the Learning Commons are the Math Center and the Writing Center.

- ↳ Math Center Coordinator, *Cindi Goodman*, cyndia@unm.edu, L172, 505.505.925.8912. The Math Center is located within the Learning Commons in the Learning Resources Center building. Students can receive tutoring for developmental and some credit-level math courses here.
- ↳ Writing Center Director, *Patricia Gillikin*, gillikin@unm.edu, L137A, 505.925.8616. The Writing Center is located across from Technology Support in the Learning Resources Center building. Students can receive guidance on all elements of writing and written course assignments here.

More Information

Detailed information including resources, tutor requirements and certification and schedules, orientation to and procedures for utilizing Learning Commons' services can be found on the website, <http://valencia.unm.edu/campus-resources/the-learning-center/index.html> . Links to additional resources are also available.

Academic Divisions and Programs

Business and Industrial Technologies (BIT)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Business and Industrial Technologies Division is to provide students with the highest level of professional instruction. By offering career technical and academic programs students can gain successful employment in business and industry or transfer for further study to a four-year university.

As a division we strive for continual growth by consistently upgrading our facilities and developing new and progressive programs. Through the curriculum of our foundation courses students will gain confidence, develop creative problem solving and team building skills.

General Information

The Business and Industrial Technologies Division is committed to helping students succeed and provide superior career programs that will prepare them to succeed in the 21st century workforce. We are committed to partnering with the community and working with K-12 educators to establish career pathways in conjunction with dual credit. The staff and faculty recognize and respond positively to the necessity of change and will continue to explore unique ways to deliver instruction whether that is through traditional, online, hybrid, weekend, evening, or short courses.

Our programs offer practical experiences that provide students with knowledge, skills and abilities that today's employer's want and need.

The Division of Business and Industrial Technologies offers associate degrees and certificate programs: Automotive Technology, Business Administration, Game Design and Simulation, Information Technology, and Welding.

Faculty and Administrative Structure

The Business and Industrial Technologies Division has continuing faculty and staff as follows:

Faculty Administrators

- ↳ BIT Division Chair, *Melinda Schwartz*, mcschwartz@unm.edu, WTC1201C, 505.925.8665. Ms. Schwartz reports directly to the Dean of Instruction.
- ↳ Business Administration Coordinator and Senior Lecturer III in Business Administration, *Stephen Takach*, set@unm.edu, B152, 505.925.8730. Dr. Takach reports directly to the division chair.

Continuing Faculty: (continuing faculty report directly to the division chair)

- ↳ Lecturer II in Game Design, *Ian Burch*, ianburch@unm.edu, B105A

Part-time Faculty: several part-time faculty teach courses in the Business and Industrial Technologies Division on a semester-by-semester basis and report directly to the division chair.

Student Employees (assist with the maintenance of labs and provide assistance to other students):

- ↳ Duplicating documents
- ↳ Assists students with questions, help them find their classrooms
- ↳ Assist students with computer software problems
- ↳ Provide a place for students to drop off/pickup homework and portfolios and leave messages for instructors
- ↳ Check out presentation room keys
- ↳ Unlock classrooms for faculty members
- ↳ Document and Report computer hardware and software failure to the Computer Help Desk
- ↳ Distribute basic classroom supplies (markers, erasers, etc.)

Certificate and Degree Programs

Certificates are available in the following fields of study:

Automotive Technology
Business Administration
Construction Technology
Game Design and Simulation
Welding

Associate of Arts degrees are available in the following field of study:

Business Administration

Associate of Applied Science degrees are available in the following fields of study

Game Design and Simulation

More Information

For more information about the programs in the Business and Industrial Technologies Division please visit the division's web site at <http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/business-and-industrial-technologies/index.html> or 505.925.8600.

Fine Arts, Film and Digital Media

General Information

The Fine Arts, Film and Digital Media Division offers certificate and associate degrees in studio and digital arts curriculum. Students graduating with an associate's degree will be academically prepared to continue their upper division studies at a four-year institution. Students who earn a certificate can continue to pursue an associate's and bachelor's degree, but will also be prepared to enter the workforce in a variety of fields such as film and design.

The division also oversees the running of the two fine arts galleries on campus. Space for exhibitions is open to students, faculty, staff, and community/regional artists.

Faculty and Administrative Structure

Faculty Administrators:

- ↳ FAFDM Acting Division Chair, Dr. *Laura Musselwhite*, lmusselwhite@unm.edu, A114, 505.925.8601.
- ↳ Gallery Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Fine Arts, *Sarah Heyward*, sheyward@unm.edu, B104B, 505.925.8721. Ms. Heyward reports directly to the division chair.

Continuing Faculty: (unless otherwise stated, continuing faculty report directly to the division chair)

- ↳ Assistant Professor of Film and Digital Media Arts, *Jonathan Sims*, jsims01@unm.edu, B110A, 505.925.8702.
- ↳ Principal Lecturer III in Fine Arts, *Alexa Wheeler*, alexa08@unm.edu, B114, 505.925.8728. Ms. Wheeler reports directly to the division chair.

Part-time Faculty (Part-time faculty teach courses in the FAFDM Division on a semester-by-semester basis and report directly to the division chair)

Staff (staff report directly to the division chair)

- ↳ Fine Arts Lab Aide, *Sophia Wasteney-Munson*, swasteney@unm.edu, B107C

Programs

Certificates are available in the following field of study:

Art Studio

Film and Digital Arts

Film Technician

Associate of Arts degrees are available in the following fields of study:

Art Studio

Film and Digital Arts

More Information

For additional information about any programs in the FAFDM Division please visit the division website at <http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/fine-arts-film-and-digital-media/index.html> or contact Dr. Laura Musselwhite, Acting Division Chair, at 505.925.8600 or lmusselwhite@unm.edu.

Health Sciences

General Information

The Health Sciences Division at UNM-Valencia represents a broad array of health-related programs, including the associate degree in Nursing, Allied Health programs, and the American Heart Association Training Center, which offers AHA CPR and First Aid curriculum.

American Heart Association Training Center offers AHA CPR and First Aid curriculum. Employers may be established as training sites. Call 505.925.8970 for information.

Overall Divisional Structure

Health Sciences Division Chair, Nursing Program Director, and Lecturer II in Nursing, Morgan Samp, mnielson@unm.edu, SCC226, 505.925.8872. Ms. Samp reports directly to the Dean of Instruction. The Nursing Program faculty and staff report directly to the Division Chair. The Allied Health Program Coordinator also reports directly to the Division Chair. The Allied Health faculty and staff report directly to the Program Coordinator.

Allied Health Certificate and Degree Programs

Certificates are available in the following areas of study:

Emergency Medical Services (basic and intermediate)

Medical Assistant

Nursing Assistant

Personal Care Attendant

Phlebotomy

Associate of Science degrees are available in the following areas of study:

Emergency Medical Services

Health Information Technology

Allied Health Staff

↳ Program Coordinator, Allied Health, Tim Gutierrez, SCC226, tgutierrez62@unm.edu, 505.925.8973. The Program Coordinator reports directly to the Division Chair and has the following responsibilities:

- Works with the Job Developer/Career Coach identified by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (DWS) to track employment and wage data and to facilitate student progress

- Coordinates instructional activities for Allied Health certificate and degree programs
- Organizes classroom lab equipment and supplies related to the facilitation of Allied Health
- Responsible for classroom lab set-up
- Maintains lab equipment
- Organizes and monitors use of lab supplies and materials
- Guides and assists students in the use of laboratory methods and techniques specific to the equipment
- Provides technical/operational support to faculty in a health sciences laboratory setting
- Completes other duties related to the program, i.e., organizes student files, maintains a database, processes required paperwork for student certifications and related grant requirements
- Purchases lab materials and equipment and maintains inventory
- Coordinates of American Heart Association Training Center
- May teach Healthcare Provider and Heartsaver CPR as needed

Faculty

- ✧ Part-time Faculty: several part-time faculty teach courses for Allied Health on a semester-by-semester basis and report directly to the program coordinator.

For more information on this program please visit

<http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/Health-Sciences/allied-health.html> or 505.925.8970.

Nursing Program

Mission Statement

The mission of UNM-Valencia Associate Degree in Nursing program is to produce responsible, culturally competent and professional registered nurses.

Vision and Intent

- ✧ Vision: *The UNM-Valencia Associate Degree in Nursing program will develop professional nurses with abilities to promote, restore, and maintain health for individuals, families and groups within our rural community.*
- ✧ Intent: *The intent of the UNM-Valencia Associate Degree in Nursing program is to provide theoretical based nursing education in preparation of nursing success.*

Faculty and Administrative Structure

The Nursing Program has faculty and staff as follows:

- ↳ Nursing Program Director and Lecturer II in Nursing, *Morgan Samp*, mnielson@unm.edu, SCC112A, 505.925.8872. Ms. Samp reports directly to the Dean of Instruction.

Continuing Faculty (report directly to Nursing Program Director)

- ↳ Lecturer II in Nursing, *Jordan Henson*, hensonj@unm.edu, SCC213
- ↳ Lecturer II in Nursing, *Maria Luna*, mluna5@unm.edu, SCC224
- ↳ Lecturer II in Nursing, *Meghan Parry*, mparry2@unm.edu, SCC112A

Staff (report directly to Nursing Program Director)

- ↳ Administrative Assistant II, *Gloria Landavazo*, glandavazo1@unm.edu, SCC101, 505.925.8870. The Nursing Administrative Assistant II coordinates daily activities, administers and maintains program files and records, and supervises student employees for the Nursing program.
- ↳ Med Lab Teaching Assistant, *Sheela Kaufman*, skaufman67@unm.edu, SCC111A. The Med Lab Teaching Assistant assists in nursing lab setup, orders supplies, facilitates the clinical placements, maintains the student and faculty files, assists in budget reconciliation, and serves as a community liaison for the nursing program.

Part-time Faculty (report directly to Nursing Program Director) - part-time faculty provide clinical instruction in the Nursing Program and teach pre-requisite courses.

Degree Programs

Associate of Science degrees are available in the following area of study:

Nursing

For more information on this program please visit

<http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/Health-Sciences/nursing-program/index.html> or 505.925.8870.

Humanities (HUMS)

Mission Statement

The UNM-Valencia Humanities Division offers the first two years of academic preparation in the foundational studies of the humanistic disciplines, the development and self-expression of English composition, literature, creative and technical writing skills.

Our broad objectives include an appreciation for a life-long love of learning, acquiring critical thinking skills and earning core requirements for transfer to a four-year institution.

General Information

The Humanities (HUMS) Division offers certificate and associate degrees in traditional liberal arts curriculum. Students graduating with Art Studio, Liberal Arts or Integrative Studies degrees will be academically prepared to continue their upper division studies at a research institution. Academic preparation of the highest quality for continued study at the bachelor's level, and eventual placement in the career of the student's choice are the primary objectives of the HUMS Division.

Faculty and Administrative Structure

Faculty Administrators:

- ✦ HUMS Division Chair and Associate Professor of English, *Ana June*, anajune@unm.edu, A142A, 505.925.8906. Ms. June reports directly to the Dean of Instruction.
- ✦ English Coordinator and Assistant Professor of English, *Justin Bendell*, jbendell@unm.edu, A142E, 505.925.8623. Mr. Bendell reports directly to the division chair.

Continuing Faculty: (unless otherwise stated, continuing faculty report directly to the division chair)

- ✦ Assistant Professor of English, *Anicca Cox*, anicca@unm.edu, A115, 505.925.8622
- ✦ Professor of English, *Patricia Gillikin*, gillikin@unm.edu, LRC137A, 505.925.8616
- ✦ Assistant Professor of English, *Steven Romero*, sromero179@unm.edu, A142B, 925.8514
- ✦ Assistant Professor of Spanish, *Dominique Rodriguez*, rodriguezde@unm.edu, A106.

Part-time Faculty (part-time faculty teach courses in the HUMS Division on a semester-by-semester basis and report directly to the division chair)

Degree Programs

Associate of Arts degrees are available in the following fields of study:

English

Liberal Arts

More Information

For additional information about any programs in the Humanities Division please visit the division website at <http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/humanities/index.html> and <http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/humanities/art-galleries.html>, or contact Justin Bendell, Division Chair, at 505.925.8623 or jbendell@unm.edu.

Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science (MECS)

Mission Statement

The Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science Division at the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus is committed to providing quality education to students in Engineering, Mathematics, and Computer Science. The faculty strives to maintain high standards in engineering and mathematics courses and provides additional instruction to help all students succeed.

General Information

The Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science (MECS) Division provides courses leading to an Associate of Science degree in Mathematics or Pre-Engineering.

The MECS Division at Valencia Campus offers lower- division mathematics courses as included in both our Course Catalog and the Course Catalog of the University of New Mexico. Students can complete their University of New Mexico course requirements at our campus from developmental mathematics through statistics and on to business/biological and engineering calculus.

The nature of our classes is conducive to development of deep levels of understanding in our students due to small class size, reformed mathematics education pedagogy, and the dedication of instructors. Through professional development activities, including department, local, state and national meetings, we provide our faculty with the opportunity to stay abreast of the most recent advances in mathematics pedagogy. In addition, we also provide our instructors and our students with the most recent technological equipment in order to make implementation of new pedagogies possible.

Faculty and Administrative Structure

Faculty Administrators:

- ✉ MECS Division Chair and Associate Professor of Mathematics, Andy Taylor, ataylor19@unm.edu, LRC133, 505.925.8912. Mr. Taylor reports directly to the Dean of Instruction.
- ✉ Developmental Mathematics Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Cindi Goodman, cyndia@unm.edu, LRC109, 505.925.8573. Ms. Goodman reports directly to the division chair.

Continuing Faculty: (continuing faculty in the division report directly to the division chair)

- ↳ Assistant Professor Computer Science, Hamim Md Adal, hmdadal@unm.edu, A134, 505.925.8611
- ↳ Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Precious Andrew, pandrew@unm.edu, A123A, 505.925.8642.
- ↳ Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Andisheh Dadashi, andisheh@unm.edu, A105, 505.925.8644
- ↳ Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Michael Gonzales, mgonza79@unm.edu, LRC107, 505.925.8620.

Degree Programs

Associate of Science degrees are available in the following areas of study:

Mathematics

Pre-Engineering

An Associate of Applied Science degree is available in the following area of study:

Computational Mathematics

More Information

For more information about the division, please visit the division website at <http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/mathematics,-engineering,-and-computer-science/index.html> or contact the division chair Ariel Ramirez at 505.925.8912 or aramirez8@unm.edu .

Science and Wellness (SW)

Mission Statement

The Science and Wellness Division at the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus is committed to providing quality education to students in Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Planetary Science, Health Education, Natural Science, Nutrition, Physical Education, and Physics. The faculty strives to maintain high standards in science, health education, and physical education courses and provides additional instruction to help all students succeed.

General Information

The Science and Wellness (SW) Division provides courses leading to an Associate of Science degree in General Science or Health Education. Students majoring in General Science can tailor their courses to fit a science or health science program. The majority of our students taking classes in the sciences are interesting in the health field (nursing, dental hygiene, pharmacy, radiation, physical therapy). The nature of our classes is conducive to development of deep levels of understanding in our students due to small class size and the dedication of instructors. Through professional development activities, including department, local, state and national meetings, we provide our faculty with the opportunity to stay abreast of the most recent advances in pedagogy. In addition, we also provide our instructors and our students with the most recent technological equipment in order to make implementation of new pedagogies possible.

Faculty and Administrative Structure

Faculty Administrators:

- ✉ Division Chair and Associate Professor of Biology, Benjamin Flicker, benflicker@unm.edu, H100B, 505.925.8613. Dr. Flicker reports directly to the Dean of Instruction.
- ✉ Sciences Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Biology, Tammi Duncan-Teller, tammid31@unm.edu, H111, 505.925.8600. Dr. Duncan-Teller reports directly to the division chair.

Continuing Faculty: (continuing faculty in the division report directly to the division chair)

- ✉ Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Piotr Filipczak, pfilipczak@unm.edu, A132A, 505.925.8876.
- ✉ Assistant Professor of Biology, Elisa DiMenna, edimenna@unm.edu, LRC125, 505.925.8568.
- ✉ Associate Professor of Chemistry, Jerry Godbout, jgodbout@unm.edu, H100A, 505.925.8611.

↳ Professor of Mathematics and Physics, Clifton Murray, wcmurray@unm.edu, A126, 505.925.8727.

Staff (reports directly to the division chair):

↳ Science Laboratory Teaching Assistant, Arlett Moreno., amoreno@salud.unm.edu, A128B, 505.925.8617. The Science Laboratory Teaching Assistant has the following duties:

- To assist faculty in the engineering and science department with the preparation (before and after) labs.
- To order and maintain supplies and inventory of chemicals and equipment.

Science Laboratories

Lab portion of science courses are offered in any one of several lab courses at UNM-Valencia as follows:

- ↳ Physics and Astronomy Labs: A-126
- ↳ Chemistry: A128
- ↳ Biology: A135
- ↳ Allied Health Lab (Biology and Chemistry Classes): H110
- ↳ Anatomy and Physiology Lab with cadaver room: H113
- ↳ Earth and Planetary Science Lab: H108

Degree Programs

Associate of Science degrees are available in the following areas of study:

General Science

Certificates are available in the following areas of study:

Medical Biotechnology

More Information

For more information about the division, please visit the division website at <http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/science-and-wellness/index.html> or contact the division chair Benjamin Flicker at 505.925.8613 or benflicker@unm.edu.

Social Sciences (SS)

Mission Statement

The UNM-Valencia Social Sciences Division offers the first two years of academic preparation in the foundational studies of the social sciences, including education.

Our broad objectives include an appreciation for a life-long love of learning, acquiring critical thinking skills and earning core requirements for transfer to a four-year institution.

General Information

The Social Sciences (SS) Division offers certificates and associate degrees in Criminology, Early Childhood Multicultural Education, Elementary Education, and Secondary Education. Students who graduate with these degrees will be academically prepared to continue their upper division studies at a research institution. Academic preparation of the highest quality for continued study at the bachelor's level, and eventual placement in the career of the student's choice are the primary objectives of the SS Division.

Faculty and Administrative Structure

Faculty Administrator:

- ✉ Division Chair and Associate Professor of Psychology, Cheryl Bryan, cbryan@unm.edu, A111, 505.925.8643. Dr. Bryan reports directly to the Dean of Instruction.

Continuing Faculty: (unless otherwise stated, continuing faculty report directly to the division chair)

- ✉ Assistant Professor of History, Scott Kamen, skamen@unm.edu, A107, 505.925.8625
- ✉ Professor of Sociology, Julia So, juliaso@unm.edu, A142F, 505.925.8567
- ✉ Assistant Professor of Education, Joshua Frank Cardenas, jstjoshn@unm.edu, A111, 505.925.8618.

Part-time Faculty (part-time faculty teach courses in the SS Division on a semester-by-semester basis and report directly to the division chair)

Degree Programs

Certificates are available in the following field of study:

Early Childhood Education

Elementary Education

Associate of Arts degrees are available in the following fields of study:

Chicana/o Studies

Criminal Justice

Criminology

Early Childhood Education

Elementary Education

Integrative Studies

Psychology

Secondary Education

More Information

For additional information about any programs in the Social Sciences Division please visit the division website at <http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/divisions/social-sciences/index.html> or contact Dr. Cheryl Bryan, Division Chair, at 505.925.8643 or cbryan@unm.edu.

Instructional Policies and Procedures

Enrollment Management

Guiding Principles

Enrollment management at UNM-Valencia will closely align with the campus' mission to provide a quality education for a lifetime of success.

The following guiding principles provide a framework aimed at fulfilling the campus' mission with an end to effectively managing enrollments at UNM-Valencia:

- ✧ The prime objective of our schedule of classes is to afford students the opportunity to enroll in courses necessary for college readiness, program completion, transfer, and employment preparation.
- ✧ The schedule of classes must meet the terms of the campus' budget for teaching salaries.
- ✧ Priority for course offerings begins with those specifically required for program completion (including developmental studies), then UNM Core Curriculum requirements, and finally electives.
- ✧ Courses will be offered at times that better reflect students' availability and in sufficient sections to accommodate students' curricular requirements.
- ✧ Courses required for program completion but with historically low enrollment will be offered on a cyclical basis so as to maximize enrollments.
- ✧ Course caps will be determined using a variety of criteria to include pedagogical needs, enrollment management, budget considerations, room size, attendance records, and other criteria as deemed necessary.
- ✧ In the formulation of schedules of classes particular attention will be paid to relevant data (e.g., enrollment trends, degree and certificate program participation, student and community surveys).
- ✧ In preparation for a new academic year, course caps, scheduling and enrollment policies and procedures are to be reviewed each spring semester by the division chairs and the dean of instruction with input from Enrollment Management and Student Success. The dean will then approve changes.

Course Caps Policy

- ↗ Generally, courses are capped at room size (consideration given to number of seats or workstations), with a maximum of 40 students.
- ↗ Developmental English and mathematics courses are capped at 25 students.
- ↗ College-level English writing courses are capped at 22 students.
- ↗ College-level Mathematics courses are capped at 30 students.
- ↗ Studio art courses are capped at 16 students.
- ↗ Career Technical Education lab courses are capped at 18 students.
- ↗ Science lecture courses with an accompanying required laboratory will be capped as follows:
 - When only one laboratory section is available, the course is capped at 24.
 - When two laboratory sections are available, the course is capped up to 48.
 - When three laboratory sections are available, two lecture courses are capped at 36.
- ↗ Online and hybrid courses are capped at the face-to-face course maximums, up to 30 students.

Scheduling Procedures

- ↗ The schedule of classes is developed in its entirety by division chairs, with input from Student Success/Advisement, and approved for publication by the Dean of Instruction.
- ↗ The process for formulating schedules of classes must be determined with sufficient time so as to provide information to students at least one week in advance of the first day of registration.
- ↗ The dean will provide division chairs with data in preparation for developing the schedule of classes. This data will include:
 - Part-time and continuing faculty overloads budget for each department
 - Enrollment data from previous semesters, grouped and sorted by course, days/times, and instructor
 - Close-out reports, showing number of students attempting to enroll in closed classes
 - Attendance reports from previous semesters

✍ Faculty are assigned to teach courses as follows:

- Continuing faculty: Continuing (i.e., tenured, tenure-track or non-tenured “contract” faculty) faculty are given first choice of courses.
- Part-time faculty: Part-time faculty are assigned to courses through a competitive process each semester.

Textbooks Ordering Policy and Procedures

Faculty are responsible for ordering textbooks for their classes through the Bookstore website at the Faculty Adoptions page (<http://bookstore.valencia.unm.edu/Home>). Desk copies may be ordered through the Academic Affairs office. When ordering textbooks, faculty members will need to create an account at the site above, and input their materials for each course. Division chairs will provide a deadline for each semester.

1. Information needed at the adoptions website is as follows:

- a. course and section number
- b. ISBN
- c. exact title
- d. author
- e. edition
- f. publisher
- g. estimated enrollments
- h. whether the title is required or optional

Note: It is very important that this information be entered by the semester deadline. Timeliness of this information directly affects the ability of the Bookstore to buy-back texts from student at the end of the semester and to successfully order and receive books from the publishers. Late orders to publishers can often lead to books not arriving in time for the start of class.

2. If a textbook order is not placed by the due date, the Bookstore will:

- a. order the default textbook, if the course was offered during the previous fall or spring semester; or
- b. request a textbook order from the Division Chair or Dean of Instruction, if the course was not offered during the previous fall or spring semester or is newly offered.

3. Faculty who are appointed to teach a course after the textbook order deadline will use either the default textbook or the one ordered by the Division Chair.

4. Instructors should list any supplies or other materials needed for the course that would normally be provided by the Bookstore, including any recommended titles on their course syllabi.

Enrollment Procedures

- ↳ The Dean of Instruction will schedule meetings in advance with chairs, coordinators, and Enrollment Management and Student Success during the registration period to solicit input in regards course cancellations and creation of new sections. With regards to class cancellations, as a general “rule of thumb,” a class should have a minimum of 10 students.

Exceptions need to be made in consultation with the Dean of Instruction.

- ↳ Independent study courses may be offered to students who meet the following criteria:
 - The regularly scheduled course was cancelled.
 - The student will be graduating prior to the next semester for which the course is scheduled to be offered.
- ↳ Faculty members, chairs, the dean, or Enrollment Management and Student Success personnel will not accept petitions for admission to a closed class. Students who need to take a class that is closed may sign up for a waitlist with assistance from academic success coaches.
- ↳ Instructors will record attendance.
- ↳ Instructors should drop students who miss the first week of class sessions and who do not notify the instructor beforehand. The goal of this course of action is to make it possible for other, waitlisted, students to enroll in a class as early as possible. The schedule of classes will advertise this possible corrective action in a prominent location and will include the Academic Affairs’ office phone number for students to leave their instructors a message should they anticipate having to miss their first class session.

Class Lists, Grade Reporting and Instructor-Initiated Student Drops

All UNM faculty are responsible for accessing an online system for:

1. Generating their own class lists
2. Reporting grades
3. If the instructor chooses, dropping students from their classes—for valid reasons, of course (e.g., poor attendance, discipline issues)

All three of these processes are available at <http://my.unm.edu>. For more detailed information on how to access class lists, record grades, and drop students please refer to the New Faculty Orientation Manual.

Canceling a Class

The UNM-Valencia Faculty Handbook addresses the issue of class cancellations in III.6. “Faculty Attendance and Emergency Dismissal of Classes.” This policy reads as follows:

It is expected that instructors will meet their students at every assigned class time for the entire class period. However, should emergencies, such as an illness, an accident, or a family crisis, prevent attendance, instructors should contact their chair or the Dean of Instruction directly as soon as possible so that the students can be notified of the canceled class.

Non-emergency absences are permissible only with the chair or the Dean of instruction’s approval at least one week prior to the non-emergency absence. Faculty Absence Report forms are available in the Dean of Instruction’s office.

Occasional emergencies, ranging from inclement weather to a fire along the bosque, may force the college administration to dismiss classes for some or all of a teaching day. In general, individual instructors should not dismiss classes in such emergencies without prior approval from the administration. These canceled classes will not usually have to be made up unless their total numbers become excessive.

For emergency cancellations: Please contact your chair or the Academic Affairs Office (505.925.8600) as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to notify your students and a cancellation sign will be posted on the classroom door. Once you return to campus you will need to fill out the Instructor Absence form. Please ask the front desk for forms.

For planned cancellations: Please be sure to get approval ahead of time from your chair or the dean and fill out the Instructor Absence form as part of the approval process. You should make every effort to find a colleague who can fill in for you (your chair will assist you with this).

Disenrollment Policy and Procedures

Goals

The three goals of this policy and procedures are as follows:

1. Improve the efficiency of reporting absences for all students (regardless of payment status), primarily during the first two weeks of classes
2. Inform students of their responsibilities with regards to payment of tuition and fees and attendance, and the consequences of their failures in this respect
3. Provide guidelines for both faculty and Enrollment Management and Student Success to follow with regards to taking attendance and disenrolling students

Procedures

The following procedures, focused on recording and reporting attendance and disenrolling students, are as follows:

1. Faculty will provide details of UNM-Valencia's Attendance and Disenrollment Policy as well as their own attendance policy in their syllabi.
2. UNM-Valencia's Attendance and Disenrollment Policy will be included in the Catalog and prominently displayed in the schedule of classes.
3. Faculty will record attendance beginning on the first day of classes and throughout the semester.
4. During the first two weeks of classes, faculty will report absences as soon after the end of each class as possible.
5. At the end of the first two weeks of the semester faculty are encouraged to disenroll students who have not attended classes at all, with the exception of those who previously contacted the instructor and received permission (as noted by the instructor). Short-term courses, especially those of an intensive nature (e.g., CNA, PCA) may require that the student be dropped after the first class session.
6. Students who have outstanding balances in excess of \$50 by the end of the day on Friday of the second week of the semester will be disenrolled from all courses in which they are enrolled. Student Services will make every effort to contact students prior to disenrollment. Please note that this policy may change.
7. Additionally, students who have not attended any class session by the end of the second week of a sixteen-week course will be disenrolled from that course. Courses representing other parts of term will have different deadlines.

8. Throughout the semester faculty may disenroll students from their courses, within reason, and as per their attendance policy as addressed in their syllabi. Valid reasons for disenrolling students include:

- a. Four or more absences
- b. Failing grade beyond chance of recovery
- c. Disruptive behavior or other conduct in violation of UNM's Student Code of Conduct

However, faculty should do everything possible to ensure student success before resorting to disenrolling a student. These student success measures include:

- a. Tracking students who appear to be at risk (e.g., missing two classes, late with assignments, low grades on tests)
- b. Personally notifying students by way of email, memos, or, preferably, by requesting their presence at a one-on-one conference
- c. Recommending tutoring for students with poor study habits

Dual Credit Policies and Procedures

Introduction and Definitions

SB 943 (Laws 2007, Chapter 227) created a dual credit program in state statute. Postsecondary institutions and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must refer to 6.30.7 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) for rules regarding dual credit program implementation.

According to the Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement, *Dual credit* is a program "...that allows high school students to enroll in college-level courses offered by a post-secondary institution that may be academic or career-technical but not remedial or developmental, and simultaneously to earn credit toward high school graduation and a post-secondary degree or certificate." The entire Master Agreement can be found on the NM Public Education Department website under "dual credit program."

The legislation, which became effective in 2008, requires that dual credit courses be articulated between the school district and the college and approved by the Higher Education Department (HED) and Public Education Department (PED).

Concurrent enrollment also offers college credit to high school students but does not require that the college course be aligned with a corresponding high school course. Consequently, the student is not guaranteed that the high school will accept the college credit towards high school graduation requirements. Unlike dual credit, concurrent enrollment is an option available to private and home schooled students

Dual credit courses are offered through UNM-Valencia in three different ways as follows:

1. The student enrolls in regularly scheduled UNM-Valencia courses, either at the UNM-Valencia campus, the high school campus, at other off-campus sites, or online.
2. The student enrolls in a web-based UNM-Valencia course with the high school teacher providing supplemental instruction. Students will correspond with their professors through Canvas (a web-based classroom management system) and email using a computer at home or in a high school lab. In addition, the professor will visit with students and lecture at the high school class periodically throughout the semester.

3. For career-technical courses only, the student enrolls in a high school course approved and designated as a college-level course.

Qualifying Students

To qualify for dual credit courses, a high school student must:

1. Be enrolled in a public school, locally or state chartered school, state-supported school, or Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded high school for one half or more of the minimum course requirements approved by PED for high school students.
2. Be at least fourteen years old and in 9th grade or higher.
3. Complete the UNM-Valencia Campus Dual Credit admission application and the Statewide Dual Credit Request forms provided by UNM-Valencia.
4. Provide an official high school transcript.

FOR ACADEMIC COURSES:

- a. Students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- b. Achieve a minimum qualifying score on the ACT, SAT, or COMPASS tests (this applies to English and mathematics courses and courses that require college-level English or mathematics prerequisites).

FOR CAREER-TECHNICAL COURSES:

- a. Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Qualifying Courses

According to the Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement, college courses that are academic or career technical and that simultaneously earn credit toward high school graduation and a postsecondary degree or certificate shall be eligible for dual credit. Remedial, developmental and physical education activity courses are not eligible for dual credit. Dual credit courses may be taken as elective or core course high school credits. Core course means a course required for high school graduation as defined in 22-13-1.1 NMSA.

In addition, only courses that have been articulated for dual credit between UNM-Valencia and the public school district may be applied to this program. Guidelines are as follows:

1. It is the high school's responsibility to ensure that a dual credit student receives high school credit for a dual credit course.
2. The following are the procedures for the articulation and approval process:

- a. For each course to be articulated, the high school will prepare and submit a package of information to the college that will include the high school teacher's credentials (curriculum vitae and transcripts), textbook, and syllabus.
 - b. The dual credit coordinator at the college will submit the package of information to the division chair who will examine the materials and, in consultation with a faculty member in the field, make a determination as to the viability of the high school course for purposes of dual credit.
 - c. The professor offering a dual credit course will meet with the high school teacher to coordinate details of the course delivery.
 - d. The dean will make a final decision.
3. The "Listing of Authorized Dual Credit Courses and Location of Delivery" form [Appendix in Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement] will be completed, signed by the appropriate school and college officials, and submitted to the HED and PED for final processing and approval.

Qualifying Faculty

All faculty of record must meet minimum requirements as detailed in UNM Valencia's Instructional Council Policies and Procedures Manual and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Faculty Credentialing Guidelines

http://download.hlcommission.org/FacultyGuidelines_2016_OPB.pdf

Regardless of whether a high school instructor or a college instructor, the person responsible for instruction shall meet these guidelines. UNM Valencia ensures that all high school teachers submit their college transcripts, CV, and class syllabus to the Dual Credit Manager at the college. Credentials are reviewed by the Division Chair who approves or disapproves the high school teachers' credentials, in writing. These credentials are kept on file by the Dual Credit Manager. If a high school teacher does not meet minimum qualification per HLC standards, the dual credit class is instead assigned to a UNM Valencia faculty member who teaches the college materials online in collaboration with the high school teacher who must ensure that students are provided the resources to complete the online college course assignments and exams. The UNM Valencia faculty member also assigns and posts the grades and is the teacher of record for the course.

Administration of Dual Credit Program

The dual credit program is administered through Student Services at UNM-Valencia. The Dual Credit Manager also serves in the role of recruiter and will be referred to as the *dual credit coordinator* or simply *coordinator* in this document.

The coordinator reports to the Director of Student Affairs and works in cooperation with the Dean of Instruction, faculty, Student Services personnel involved with testing, advisement, recruitment and registration activities, and with Academic Affairs support staff in the Dean's Office.

The coordinator is responsible for all activities of the program to include:

1. Initiating contact with area high schools for establishing dual credit courses.
2. Supervising the course articulation process.
3. Supervising the collection of completed application forms and enrollment into the college course.
4. Collaborating with Student Services, promoting the dual credit program and recruiting students.

College Responsibilities

UNM-Valencia will be responsible for the following:

1. Identifying the point person for the dual credit program (i.e., the dual credit coordinator).
2. Providing applications to eligible students and collecting and processing enrollment forms for matriculating new UNM students and enrolling them in the college course.
3. Ensuring college placement tests for students enrolled in courses where it is required.
4. Promoting the program to high school students and recruiting students into dual credit courses.
5. Waiving tuition and general fees (but not course fees for courses offered at the UNM-Valencia Campus) for dual credit courses.
6. Provide notification in advance of the last day to drop without a grade (the Friday of the third week in the semester).
7. Completing and submitting "Listing of Authorized Dual Credit Courses and Location of Delivery" form [Appendix in Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement] to the school district that is responsible for submitting to the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED).
8. Provide access to advisement by way of frequent visits by the UNM-Valencia dual credit advisor to the high schools or through online advisement.
9. Provide information and orientation in collaboration with the high schools to the student and parent/guardian regarding the responsibilities of dual credit enrollment.

10. Advise students, teachers and parents of FERPA rules (as described on the Statewide Dual Credit Request Form).
11. Arrange for college textbooks for high school students, and encourage college faculty to make every effort to adopt textbooks for at least three years.

High School Responsibilities

The high school will be responsible for the following:

1. Providing opportunities for college staff and faculty to address students for recruitment and promotion purposes, and facilitating meeting times between college faculty and high school faculty and students.
2. Providing students with access to the required college course textbook and, as needed, supplemental course materials.
3. Providing students access to computers with high-speed internet access.
4. Participating in the resolution of potential conflicts between college faculty, high school teachers and/or students and their parents.
5. Completing their respective portions of the "Listing of Authorized Dual Credit Courses and Location of Delivery" form [Appendix in Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement] and submitting it to the PED.
6. Identifying the point person for the dual credit program (i.e., the high school dual credit coordinator).
7. Determine the required academic standing for students eligible to participate in the dual credit program.
8. Notify the college if a student's official schedule of classes is in conflict with the school-endorsed registration.
9. Furnish an official high school transcript to the college, along with the completed UNM dual credit admissions form and the Statewide Dual Credit Request form, with all required signatures (student, parent and authorized high school representative).

Student and Parent Responsibilities

Students and/or parents will be responsible for the following:

1. Completing and submitting all necessary matriculation and enrollment forms by due dates.
2. Having access to a computer, high-speed internet (for Canvas), electronic mail, and any programs necessary for completing the course (either at home, at the high school, or at another location).
3. Communicating with the college instructor once each week or as required.
4. Completing all necessary course requirements in a timely manner.

5. Meeting with the college advisor at least once per semester.
6. Complying with college and high school student code of conduct and other institutional policies.
7. Paying course fees and purchasing books for courses offered at the UNM-Valencia Campus according to arrangements made by or through the high school. UNM-Valencia will not collect fees from students, but will invoice the school district for required fees.
8. Independently satisfy both high school and college calendar requirements.

Faculty Responsibilities

High school teachers cooperating with a college instructor in dual credit courses are expected to:

1. Respond promptly to email, phone calls or other mediums of communication from college faculty and UNM-Valencia Student Services staff.
2. Distribute and/or proctor supplemental materials and return them promptly to the college instructor.
3. Allow dual credit students to meet with the college instructor and advisor as necessary, and with Student Services staff for registration purposes at the beginning of each semester.
4. Report student progress to college faculty as requested.
5. Assist dual credit students with college coursework to include revision of work to be submitted for grading, reminders to submit materials by due dates, providing class time for students to access computer labs in order to complete coursework, etc.

College instructors are responsible for the following duties:

1. Consult with the high school teacher and determine the supplementary instructional materials and level of assessment needed to ensure that the course meets UNM curriculum standards.
2. Preparation of course materials (instruction and assessment) via Canvas, preferably, or other instructional management delivery system, if applicable.
3. Collaborate with the high school teacher to ensure that participating students stay on task.
4. Communicate with students by way of Canvas, email, and visit with students at the high school site regularly throughout the semester.
5. Grade student work and issue students a grade at the end of the college semester.

6. Respond promptly to email, phone calls or other mediums of communication.
7. Track progress of dual credit students and provide reports as needed to the high school teacher (if applicable).
8. Inform students of course requirements in the syllabus.

Faculty Compensation

High School Teachers

When a high school teacher works with a college instructor in dual credit courses where the college instructor is the primary instructor for the course, the high school teacher will be paid for each high school section that has been designated as dual credit and for which they have students enrolled, according to the following pay scale:

High school teachers will be paid extra compensation by their school district based on information submitted by UNM-Valencia to the high school and school district administration for each academic year. Information will include a list of teachers, courses taught for both Fall and Spring semesters, and amount to be paid, and it will be submitted to the District by March 31 each year. The District will invoice UNM-Valencia no later than May 31. Teachers will be paid for each high school section that has been designated as dual credit and for which they have students enrolled, according to the following pay scale.

Career-Technical Courses:

- a) \$100 per high school section if no other obligations are required other than participating in the articulation process and reporting grades to the college instructor.
- b) \$200 per high school section if, 1) the syllabus is provided by the college; the college instructor-of-record makes multiple classroom visits throughout the semester to engage with the students and the teacher for planning and assessment; 3) the college instructor, in consultation with the teacher, determines and posts the grades.
- c) \$300 if the teacher, 1) has been qualified by UNM to teach the course without an instructor-of-record; 2) participates in the articulation process and/or follows the UNM-Valencia Program of Study Sheets for course(s) that are part of a certificate or degree program; 3) is required to comply with federal and/or industry mandated regulations; and, 4) reports the final grades to a UNM faculty member at the end of the semester to be posted.
- d) High School teachers who are employed by UNM-Valencia, or whose salary is partially covered by UNM-Valencia, do not qualify for stipends.

Academic Courses: \$300 per high school sections where online instruction is required.

College Faculty

When a college instructor works with a high school teacher in dual credit courses where the high school teacher is the primary instructor for the course, the college instructor will be paid contingent on the amount of work necessary to deliver the instruction, according to the following guidelines:

1. If the college instructor has no obligations other than participating in the articulation process and entering grades issued by the high school instructor (this is the case with most career-technical dual credit courses), the college instructor will receive a \$100 stipend per college section, per semester. Established guidelines for class caps will be followed for dual credit courses.
2. College instructors will be paid \$200 per college section if, 1) they provide the syllabus; they make multiple classroom visits throughout the semester to engage with the class and the teacher for planning and assessment; and, 3) in consultation with the teacher, they determine and post the grades.
3. If the college instructor carries out instruction consistent with a typical course (traditional, hybrid or online), the instructor will be compensated according to the following guidelines:
 - A. College instructor carries out 67-100% of instruction (i.e. prepares at least two-thirds of the course materials and assignments and conducts at least two thirds of course assessments) -- full pay for the number of credits the class usually carries.
 - B. College instructor carries out 34-66% of instruction (i.e. prepares at least one-third of the course materials and assignments but less than two-thirds, and conducts at least one-third of course assessments but less than two-thirds) –
 - Paid for 2.5 cr. hrs. if it is usually a 4 cr. hr. course
 - Paid for 2 cr. hrs. if it is usually a 3 cr. hr. course
 - Paid for 1 cr. hr. if it is usually a 2 cr. hr. course
 - C. College instructor carries out 0-33% of instruction (i.e. prepares some of the course materials and assignments but less than one-third of them, and conducts some of the course assessments but less than one-third of them) –
 - Paid 1.5 cr. hrs. if it is usually a 4 cr. hr. course
 - Paid 1 cr. hr. if it is usually a 3 cr. hr. course
 - Paid 0.5 cr. hr. if it is usually at 2 cr. hr. course.

*The fraction of instruction provided by the college faculty will be determined by what is presented in the syllabus and what portion the college faculty actually grades. Final determination of faculty pay levels will be approved by the division chair.

4. If the instructor is full-time, contractual faculty, the course may be part of the instructor's full-time load or may be an overload, in which case it would be paid according to the current part-time faculty pay scale.
5. If the number of students enrolled in a class exceeds the normal class cap, the instructor will be paid according to the Faculty Handbook policy for an additional section if the number of students that exceeds the cap is at least 12.

General Operational Guidelines

The effective operation of the dual credit program is of vital importance to the students' current and future education, first and foremost, the overall social and economic welfare of the community, and the reputation of the college and the public schools. Consequently, care must be taken to ensure that this program is carried out according to state regulations, UNM and local school board policies and with an attitude of excellence in every respect. To this end, the following operational guidelines apply:

1. During the preparation of the summer and fall schedules of classes (February and March) and again during the preparation of the spring semester schedule of classes (September and October) the dual credit "team" (dual credit coordinator and Student Services personnel in recruitment and enrollment management), should meet with high school "team" (principals, counselors and other school personnel involved in the program), to review the list of approved dual credit classes and determine if new courses should be considered for dual credit.
2. If the high school teacher, textbook, or syllabus has changed since the last time a course was offered, the course/s will need to be re-articulated.
3. Along with the articulation process, college faculty should be identified as soon as possible, and the expected degree of work required of the faculty member (and salary schedule-see "Faculty Compensation") should be determined.
4. According to the Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement, "unless otherwise approved by the cabinet secretaries of higher education and the public education departments, successful completion of three (3) credit hours of postsecondary instruction shall result in the awarding of one high school unit ... "
5. High school courses that are offered throughout the academic year are preferable for purposes of dual credit, but single-semester courses are also acceptable, albeit with a greater degree of urgency with regards to

preparation if they are offered in the fall. The following guidelines will apply:

- a. For high school courses offered throughout the academic year, the fall semester is a time of preparation for:
 - i. Presenting the program to students in qualified and selected courses.
 - ii. Testing students if required.
 - iii. Matriculating qualifying students at UNM and issuing them their UNM Banner ID and email address (same as Canvas login ID).
 - iv. Enrolling students in the college course at the very start of the enrollment period.
 - v. Meetings between college faculty and high school teachers and students.
 - b. For high school courses offered on a semester basis, or throughout the academic year but that articulate with two sequenced college-level courses, the same guidelines listed above also apply, but with a much shortened preparation period. To maximize the use of time the following guidelines should be applied:
 - i. Preparations (as previously described) should be made during the previous semester.
 - ii. If at all possible, meetings between college and high school faculty should take place either in the summer months; when high school faculty report for duty; or during the first week of classes.
 - iii. Students should be presented with the program during the first week of classes.
 - iv. If testing is required, it is preferable that students be tested at the end of the Spring semester for the following school year; or at the latest, during the first two weeks of the new school year.
 - v. Qualifying students should be matriculated and enrolled no later than the third week of the high school semester, which generally coincides with the first or second week of college classes).
6. College faculty should visit their students regularly throughout the semester. These visits should be planned in advance and included in the syllabus.
 7. Students may drop the course at any point in the semester or may be dropped by the college instructor for reasons of non-participation, non-communication, or other reasons as stated in the college instructor's syllabus. Students who transfer out of the high school class will be dropped from the college class.

8. Students can only be enrolled for the duration of one semester. In effect, students must complete whatever UNM course they're enrolled in before the end of the same semester.
9. At the end of the semester, students will be issued a grade by the college instructor. If students miss the "deadline to drop without a grade - Friday of the third week of class for 16-week courses, or the Friday of the second week of class for 8-week courses, they may request to be dropped, or they may be dropped by the instructor, and they will receive a grade of "W".
10. Any disputes between a student, high school teacher, and/or the college instructor will be handled first by the college instructor; then by the dual credit coordinator; and, if the matter is not resolved at that level, by the dean or the high school principal. Under normal conditions, parents would not be involved in such disputes. However, since high school students are minors, parents wishing to intervene should directly speak with the dual credit coordinator or the dean, but not the college instructor.
11. Issues outside the scope of this policy may be addressed by the HED/PED Dual Credit Council.

Effective Date for Policy and Procedures: This policy and its related procedures will be put into effect for the start of the 2017 fall semester.

Policies Affecting Faculty Who Teach Courses with a Web Component

Introduction and Definitions

For the purposes of these policies and procedures, refer to the UNM [Course Type Glossary](#) for definitions of online, hybrid, and web-enhanced courses (as well as any other modalities that have an online component).

For programs and courses, UNM-Valencia will adhere to the standards set forth and published by the Higher Learning Commission and will remain cognizant of the distinction between correspondence courses and distance education courses as defined by the US Department of Education as presented below:

- [Best Practices for Electronically Offered Degree and Certificate Programs](http://www.aaup.org/NR/rdonlyres/BBA85B72-20E9-4F62-B8B5-CDFF03CD8A53/0/WICHEDOC.PDF) (at <http://www.aaup.org/NR/rdonlyres/BBA85B72-20E9-4F62-B8B5-CDFF03CD8A53/0/WICHEDOC.PDF>),
- [Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education \(On-line Learning\)](https://download.hlcommission.org/EvalofDistanceEducation_STA_2021.pdf) (at https://download.hlcommission.org/EvalofDistanceEducation_STA_2021.pdf), and
- https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=1d8c582fe989495e97b550073c775896&mc=true&node=se34.3.600_12&rgn=div8

Many of the policies and procedures concerning instruction with a large online component are addressed in the UNM-Valencia Faculty Handbook (<https://valencia.unm.edu/academics/faculty-resources/faculty-handbook/handbook-fall-2019.pdf>).

Course Development

Faculty who wish to develop a Master Online Class may apply for compensation. The definition of a Master Online Course and the level of compensation will be determined by the Dean of Instruction and the Faculty Online Teaching and Review Committee.

Catalog Preparation

Currently UNM-Valencia prepares annual catalogs. The Dean of Instruction is responsible for the contents and the preparation of the UNM-Valencia Catalog and the campus webmaster is responsible for its online publication.

In order to make the Catalog available to students by the start of the new academic year, it is imperative that division chairs and coordinators complete all curriculum development (please refer to next section “Curriculum Development” for details) by the November 1st of the academic year. This allows time for all approvals (from UNM-Valencia and UNM-ABQ) to be completed by the end of spring semester, in time for a new catalog to become effective in the fall.

Curriculum Development

For purposes of this manual, “Curriculum Development” refers to the formal creation, deletion, or change to a course or a degree or certificate program. This section begins with a definition of terms and then provides specific instructions including access to relevant for making curriculum changes.

UNM Curriculum Terminology Glossary

The Curriculum Terminology Glossary lists terms used by UNM to describe how degree programs are organized:

- ✦ Certificate: A prescribed course of study approved through the University’s curriculum approval process. A completed certificate appears on a student’s transcript; however, a diploma is not issued. Some departments may offer certificates that are not reviewed through the University’s curriculum approval process and thus are not transcriptable. Certificates at UNM branches are formal awards approved by the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs.
- ✦ CIP Code: The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) is used nationally to assure comparability of information among institutions of higher education. It allows the classification of instructional programs into broad academic categories.
- ✦ Concentration: An approved set of courses within a major that define a specialty area or specific field of study. Unless specified by the unit offering the major, a concentration is not required.

- ✧ Degree: A credential that the University confers upon a student who has satisfactorily completed a required program of study. Degree requirements are established by the University, colleges, and departments, and are approved by University faculty, administration, and the Board of Regents. UNM is authorized to award associates, baccalaureate, masters, 1st professional, and doctoral degrees.
- ✧ Degree Title: The complete approved label of a degree program consisting of the degree designation and the degree major (e.g., Associate of Arts in Business Administration, Associate of Science in General Science, Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology, Bachelor of Arts in History; Bachelor of Science in Chemistry). Some programs require the name of the major as part of the degree designation (e.g., Master of Architecture–MARCH, Master of Business Administration–MBA, Master of Science in Nursing–MSN).
- ✧ Diploma: An official document naming a degree that has been conferred by the University.
- ✧ Emphasis: An approved subset of courses within a concentration. Emphases do not appear on a diploma or transcript. Unless specified by the unit offering the major and concentration, an emphasis is not required. Emphases go through the curriculum approval process. (Only emphases that have gone through the curriculum approval process will appear in the UNM Catalog.)
- ✧ Major: That part of a degree program consisting of a specified number of hours from a defined group of courses in a primary discipline or field. A completed major is shown on both a student's diploma and transcript. A new major (by each degree level) must go through the curriculum approval process. Changes to an existing major must be accomplished in accordance with UNM's Curriculum Workflow. Only formally-approved majors will appear in the UNM Catalog.
- ✧ Minor: That part of a degree program in an approved secondary discipline or field outside the major. A minor requires fewer hours than a major. A completed minor is shown on a student's transcript, but not on the diploma. A minor is awarded only if approved by both the major and minor department and/or college.
- ✧ Professional Development Certificate: A professional development certificate indicates completion of a set of credit or non-credit courses designed to provide participants an opportunity to develop or improve specific job-related knowledge and skills. Professional development certificates are issued

by the unit offering the course/s rather than by the Office of the Registrar and do not appear on university transcripts.

- ✦ Program Level: Program levels at UNM include the following: Certificate, Associate, Baccalaureate, 1st Professional, Graduate Certificate, Master's, and Doctorate.
- ✦ Program of Study: An approved course of study leading to a transcribed certificate or degree.
- ✦ Transcript: A document that details the entire permanent academic record of a student at the University. An official transcript is a certified copy, for which a small fee is charged. An unofficial copy is available at no charge.

Curriculum Changes: Process, Forms and Instructions

The University of New Mexico can best serve students through collaborative efforts to build and review high quality academic and career and technical programs across its system of campuses. The process below clarifies review and coordination to prevent needless competition among branch campuses, enable branches to develop their own areas of excellence and distinction, offset under-resourced areas through collaboration, and support branches in benefiting from expertise within the system as they build new programs (including expertise about external licensure requirements). In addition, this process ensures that the curriculum flow incorporates assurance at the branch level that a proposed program meets branch strategic goals, forecasting for sustainable program funding has been conducted, and instructional capacity can be met.

At all stages of review, except registrar technical check and library review, programs should be evaluated with respect to the following considerations:

- a. Unmet academic and/or workforce need;
- b. Unmet student demand;
- c. Availability of instructional space and equipment;
- d. Availability of instructional capacity;
- e. Demonstration of potential for satisfactory program outcomes, program review, and accreditation status, and, in cases of adoption, demonstration that originating branch campus has met these criteria;
- f. For CTE programs and relevant academic programs: community availability of apprenticeships, internships, and/or placements;
- g. Budgetary capacity and forecasting;
- h. Campus commitment and capacity to offer the program for several years.

Academic Programs are initiated at the branch campus in consultation with faculty in a division/department. While individual branches may follow specific procedures of their own, overall, the process will include the following steps:

1. Proposed curricular changes are developed in consultation among faculty, Dean of Instruction, and Division Chair/Program Coordinator;
2. The strongest preliminary and final proposals will incorporate consultation and coordination (especially in cases of adoption) with other UNM campuses about best practices in curriculum and transfer;
3. Proposals include consideration of curriculum, community need, faculty workload impact, budgetary impact, and facilities impact; branches will consult with their curricula committee or relevant faculty as the proposal is developed;
4. Prior to formal submission of a proposal for a new program, the branch Dean of Instruction, in consultation with the Division Chair, will request a written preliminary proposal review from the Associate Provost for Student Success or another Office of the Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs designee. Approval in the preliminary proposal review is necessary for programs to move forward in curriculum review;
5. Proposed curricular changes are formally reviewed by the branch curricula committee at either the preliminary proposal stage or the proposal stage, depending on the internal branch process;
6. Specific branch designees, often the Dean of Instruction, enter the program proposal for a new program in Curriculum Flow (Kuali). Deans of Instruction review submission in the curriculum flow system (Kuali) and track progress of the program proposal;
7. proposals for new academic programs—complete with the pre-proposal review from Academic Affairs—will flow through the UNM system curriculum process (Kuali). They will receive the following reviews:
 - Registrar technical check
 - University Libraries review
 - Faculty Senate Curricula Committee,
 - Office of the Provost
 - Faculty Senate
 - SSTAR committee of the UNM Board of Regents
8. This UNM process is then completed by NMHEAC program review and NM HED Cabinet Secretary approval;

9. On approval, the branch campus should coordinate with the UNM Albuquerque Registrar and cannot offer the program until the CIP code has been awarded.

Career and Technical Education Programs are initiated at the branch campus in consultation with faculty in a division. While individual branches may follow specific procedures of their own, overall, the process will include the following steps:

1. Proposed curricular changes are developed in consultation among faculty, Dean of Instruction, and Division Chair/Program Coordinator;
2. The strongest preliminary and final proposals will incorporate consultation and coordination (especially in cases of adoption) with other UNM campuses about best practices in curriculum and transfer;
3. Proposals include consideration of curriculum, community need, faculty workload impact, budgetary impact, and facilities impact; branches will consult with their curricula committee or relevant faculty as the proposal is developed;
4. Prior to formal submission of a proposal for a new program, the branch Dean of Instruction, in consultation with the Division Chair, will request a written preliminary proposal review from the Associate Provost for Student Success or another Office of the Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs designee. Approval in the preliminary proposal review is necessary for programs to move forward in curriculum review;
5. Proposed curricular changes are formally reviewed by the branch curricula committee at either the pre-proposal stage or the proposal stage, depending on the internal branch process;
6. Specific branch designees, often the Dean of Instruction, enter the program proposal for a new program in Curriculum Flow (Kuali). Deans of Instruction review submission in the curriculum flow system (Kuali) and track progress of the program;
7. Following branch review, proposals for new career and technical education programs—complete with the pre-proposal review from Academic Affairs—will flow into the UNM system curriculum process, with Registrar technical check, University Libraries review, Office of the Provost, Faculty Senate, and the SSTAR committee of the UNM Board of Regents.

8. At the level of Office of the Provost review, the Associate Provost will consider input provided through the branch campus Deans of Instruction review of career and technical education program proposals. The branch campus Deans of Instruction review is advisory only; it primarily addresses questions of compliance and conformity with state and national technical licensure program requirements.
9. For Associate-level programs only (not certificates), this UNM process is then followed by required NMHEAC program review and NM HED Cabinet Secretary approval.
10. In coordination with the UNM Albuquerque Registrar, the branch campus should request a CIP code and cannot offer the program until the CIP code has been awarded.

Program Adoption Process:

A branch campus may submit a program adoption request directly in curriculum workflow (Kuali), after completing the local branch process for curriculum approval. This request will include documentation of consultation with the original branch holder of the program and specific information about budget, capacity to offer the program sustainably, and local workforce needs at the adopting campus.

Online Programs:

Among the UNM branch campuses, existing online programs will not be wholly duplicated by newly proposed online programs. However, an existing online program at one branch campus could be newly offered in a face-to-face or hybrid modality at another campus. In addition, components of an existing online program at one branch campus could be newly offered in a face-to-face or hybrid modality at another branch campus. Moreover, branch campuses can partner in offering different components of a program, with shared enrollment in online components offered by a single branch campus. In cases of partnering on enrollment in online components, a memorandum of agreement between campuses is optimal.

Articulation: Degree Approval, and Transfer of Course Credit

The following policy is from Section F70 of the UNM Faculty Handbook:

Policy Rationale: Branch community college degree offerings are approved by the University of New Mexico (UNM), and many of their courses carry transfer credit toward UNM baccalaureate degrees. The policies that govern the articulation of degree programs, the determination of course credit, and the approval of credentialing standards for UNM branch community colleges are presented below.

A. Degree, Certificate, and Credential Approval

1. All associate degree programs are authorized to be offered at branch community colleges, upon approval by the appropriate college and department or program on the UNM main campus.
2. Branch community colleges are authorized to develop and offer programs leading to all associate degrees, as well as provide certificates and workforce credentials, provided the programs go through the required approval process for such programs at the UNM main campus. The transferability to the main campus of credit for courses in these programs will be determined in accordance with the policy statements B.1 and B.2 below.

B. Transfer of Course Credit

UNM main campus will accept baccalaureate credits and branch community colleges will accept transferable course, certificate, and workforce credential credits, earned by students at any UNM branch community college, in accordance with the following policy:

1. Lower-division courses within the New Mexico common course numbering system offered at UNM branch community colleges will be transferable anywhere within the UNM System. These courses will have consistent learning outcomes and competencies. Existing courses at the UNM main campus or a UNM branch community college may be adopted by another branch community college without going through curriculum workflow, as long as the branch community college has obtained permission to use the appropriate course prefix (if not already in use at that branch), and the course is 2000 level or below.
2. Proposed new lower division courses must follow the same approval process as any other course offered at UNM main campus and, if designed for transfer credit, must be approved by the appropriate department or program and/or college.

C. Approval of Credentialing Standards for Course Delivery

Branch community college faculty shall be qualified to deliver courses under the current UNM accrediting body's credentialing guidelines. Branch community colleges shall maintain adequate records to verify that appropriate accreditation credentialing guidelines are met.

Higher Learning Commission Faculty Qualifications, from policy CRRT.B.10.020 (Assumed Practices)

Instructors possess an academic degree relevant to what they are teaching and at least one level above the level at which they teach. Faculty teaching general education courses, or other non-occupational courses, hold a master's degree or higher in the discipline or subfield. If a faculty member holds a master's degree or higher in a discipline or subfield other than that in which he or she is teaching, that faculty member should have completed a minimum of 18 graduate credit hours in the discipline or subfield in which they teach.

Instructors teaching courses not designed for transfer, or in terminal certificate or applied associate's degree programs, may possess a bachelor's degree.

Faculty Hiring, Evaluating, Promoting and Teaching Approvals

Types of Faculty

The [UNM Faculty Handbook](#) describes four different types of faculty appointments in Section B3 as follows:

3.1 TYPES OF FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

(a) Faculty appointments may be probationary, tenured, continuing non-tenure-track, or temporary. Prior to awarding of tenure, tenure-track faculty appointments are probationary appointments; following the award of tenure, such appointments are tenured. All faculty members holding probationary appointments at the rank of assistant professor or above are eligible for consideration for tenure. (For a definition and discussion of tenure, see Sec. 4.7.1 and Appendix I.) Non-tenure-track appointments do not lead to tenure. However, the presumption with continuing non-tenure-track appointments is that they will be continued if the faculty member is not duly notified to the contrary. Non-tenure-track appointments where there is not a presumption of continuation are temporary.

The term “probationary” is synonymous with “tenure-track.” These are faculty who, if successful, will achieve tenure in a period of six years or, in exceptional cases, less. Tenure-track and tenured faculty generally have professorial ranks (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Full Professor). For more details on tenure and promotion please refer to the [UNM-Valencia Faculty Handbook](#).

The term “continuing non-tenure track” refers to faculty who are issued annual contracts but who have “expectation” that their contracts will be renewed for the subsequent year. These faculty generally carry the rank of Lecturer (I, II or III, depending on degree and other criteria—for more details on tenure and promotion please refer to the [UNM-Valencia Faculty Handbook](#)). A non-renewal of a contract requires a letter from the Dean of Instruction (delivered no later than March 31st if on their first year of appointment or December 15th for subsequent years of appointment) explicitly stating the faculty’s contract will not be renewed for the following academic year.

For purposes of this document we will refer to the faculty described above as “continuing” faculty.

Temporary faculty are generally designated as “part-time” or “adjunct.” (We sometimes appoint a temporary faculty on a one-year contract to fill in for a continuing faculty vacancy during a search process.) Part-time faculty are hired on a semester-by-semester basis on a competitive process.

Hiring Continuing Faculty

Continuing faculty are hired through a one-time competitive process. The steps in this process are as follows (please note that these steps flow sequentially; a “misstep” could result in a failure to hire a continuing faculty):

1. Ensure that funding is available. Continuing faculty salaries are negotiable, but generally start in the \$51,000 range (higher if the field is highly competitive, or if the candidate has exceptional education and experience, or for certain twelve-month contract positions). In addition, benefits have to be factored in, which raises the cost by about 31%. Available money is the single greatest impediment to creating new positions.
2. Get approvals. If the hire is a replacement for a vacated position, it is generally expected, but not necessarily so, that the position will be filled. Under normal circumstances the chair will notify the Dean of Instruction of an upcoming vacancy. In turn, the Dean of Instruction will notify the chair whether or not the position will be refilled. If the hire is new, then the chair would be made aware as a result of approval of funds.

The next step in the approval process is to write up a description for the position and, through UNM-Valencia’s Human Resources office, send the necessary forms to the Office for Academic Personnel for approval.

3. Search committee appointed: A search committee, appointed by the Dean of Instruction, will be convened to perform the following functions (this is generally referred to as the committee’s “charge” from the Dean of Instruction):
 - a. Develop minimum and desired qualifications for the position and report the qualifications to the Dean of Instruction for approval
 - b. Recruit a diverse and highly qualified pool of applicants
 - c. Screen application materials to identify *bona fide* applicants and then evaluate these applicants according to the selection criteria
 - d. Select up to ten (generally) semifinalists and recommend three to five (generally) candidates to the Dean of Instruction for interviews

- e. Participate in the interviews of candidates for the position according to UNM policy and UNM-Valencia practice

The division chair generally, but not necessarily, serves as the search committee's chair. UNM-Valencia's Human Resources representative attends committee meetings to serve as a resource and to ensure that all related UNM policies and procedures are adhered to. The rating matrix and interview questions must be approved by the Office for Academic Personnel before they can be applied.

- 4. Offer letter is given to selected candidate: The Dean of Instruction will negotiate a salary with the successful candidate and will give him/her an offer letter. The offer letter consists mainly of template language but specifies the following in detail:
 - a. Appointment rank – Assistant (usually) or Associate (rarely) Professor, for tenure-track appointments, or Lecturer I/II/III for non-tenure track appointments
 - b. Date that the appointment begins – this date would generally be the Monday of the week before classes start in the fall semester, or, for a 12-month contract, July 1st
 - c. Annual salary and, if applicable, administrative stipends, moving expenses, etc.
 - d. General description of duties and expectations – credit hours/year, areas he/she will be teaching, administrative duties (if any), other teaching-related duties (e.g., informing students concerning course requirements, participating in assessment activities, taking attendance, maintaining good student records, preparing and grading class assignments and exams, advising students on their academic progress, participating in college committees, curriculum development, professional development and community service, keeping office hours a week, etc.
 - e. If applicable, information on tenure and promotion
- 5. Search committee materials are sent to the Office for Academic Personnel for approval.
- 6. Faculty is acclimated to teaching at UNM-Valencia: Office is assigned, email access is acquired, orientations on a variety of processes and policies are made available, etc.

Compensating Continuing Faculty

Salaries for continuing faculty are negotiated based on a variety of factors to include degree, experience (quantity and quality), market considerations, nine-month vs. twelve-month appointment, administrative component (if any), and, of course, budgetary limitations. The hiring ad will indicate a broad salary range for a particular position.

Continuing faculty will be compensated for overloads assignments on the same basis as that of part-time faculty salaries. Other variations, which may apply to part-times, include:

- ✧ Practicum courses (e.g., CAD, IT or OBT 295, ECME field experience courses) and independent study courses (i.e., courses where the student is expected to study the material on his/her own with minimal assistance from the faculty member—NOTE, this is not the same as an online or hybrid course, which is compensated on the same basis as related courses): 10% of overload/part-time salary (based on degree held) per student per credit hour.
- ✧ Large courses may be compensated at higher rates and/or be considered at a higher FTE. Classes which normally have a cap of forty, but which are expanded to accommodate up to eighty students, may be classified as a double load (i.e., six credit hours instead of three)
- ✧ Science labs (e.g., BIOL, CHEM, EPS and PHYC) will be classified as a three-credit hour load either as part of the instructor's normal load or as an overload.
- ✧ Art Studio courses will be classified as a four-credit hour load either as part of the instructor's normal load or as an overload.
- ✧ Applied music lessons will be compensated at .66 of one credit hour per student.

Evaluating Continuing Faculty

Continuing faculty whose primary function is to teach are evaluated on a calendar year basis using the Faculty Annual Performance Review Form. This form serves as the rating criteria for determining merit pay salary increases and, along with the chair's and dean's summary evaluations, serves as the performance evaluation for a given calendar year. The summary evaluations from the chairs and the dean serve as both normative and formative evaluations of the instructor's performance in the

prescribed areas teaching, service, professional development and personal characteristics. If necessary, the summary evaluations will prescribe steps for improving performance.

At the start of each fall semester the Dean of Instruction distributes a Faculty Evaluation Calendar detailing the sequence of events and deadlines for completing various portions of the form. A typical calendar would read as follows:

Timeline	Action
4 th Friday in September	Faculty member sends Annual Performance Review form (and supporting documentation) directly to chair electronically (no signatures required at this time). Faculty member will have completed the self-evaluation portion.
4 th Friday in October	Chair has reviewed the form and completed the chair's evaluation portion. Chair has held individual meetings with faculty members where forms are signed by both. Chair sends the faculty member's completed form (and supporting documentation) to the Dean electronically for review and Dean's signature.
4 th Friday in November	Dean has completed summary evaluation letter, which completes the cycle.

Faculty on tenure track are also evaluated on two occasions during their probationary period:

1. During the 3rd year of their appointment (Code 3 Review)
2. During the 6th year of their appointment (Code 6 Review). The Code 6 review is the tenure decision review and, in most cases, the review which leads to promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

For more detailed information on Faculty Evaluations and the tenure and promotion process, please refer to the [UNM-Valencia Faculty Handbook](#).

Hiring Part-Time Faculty

Part-time faculty are hired on a semester-by-semester basis in a competitive process.

- ✧ Part-time faculty must first submit their application through UNM Jobs at the following web site: <https://unmjobs.unm.edu/>. The application will be electronically submitted to Human Resources at UNM-Valencia as well as Division Chairs. Anyone may search faculty job postings for the Valencia Campus by using the search engine located at the bottom of the UNM Jobs page. Additional assistance can be provided by the Human Resources department at 505.925.8530 or Margaret Anaya at 505.925.8602.

Part-time faculty who meet the criteria listed above may then be hired and assigned courses to teach as follows:

- ✧ Chairs will prepare a rating matrix that will list all part-time faculty who have submitted their application through UNM Jobs and meet minimum and preferred qualification for the position applying for.
- ✧ Chairs will select the candidates who meet minimum qualifications (refer to “Obtaining Teaching Approvals for Faculty” below), availability for days and times of classes being offered, and rate highest on hiring matrix.

Minimum Qualifications: The rating matrix will include minimum qualifications for a particular course. For most academic courses, minimum qualifications are: a master’s degree (with eighteen credit hours in the discipline) and teaching experience in the discipline or related area at the post-secondary level or equivalent.

Desirable Qualifications: The following is a list of desired qualifications applicable in whole or in part to determining the most qualified part-time faculty for teaching at UNM-Valencia:

- ✧ Successful teaching experience in the discipline or directly related area at a community college or equivalent institution
- ✧ Up-to-date pedagogical knowledge of field and of current classroom techniques for discipline
- ✧ Master’s degree or terminal degree in the discipline area
- ✧ Experience working in a multicultural setting with non-traditional students
- ✧ Ability to interact in a collegial and professional manner
- ✧ Ability to successfully communicate, both orally and in writing

Faculty who intend to teach a transferable course that they have not previously taught must make available to the Unit Administrator the following:

- ↳ A copy of the instructor's curriculum vitae
- ↳ Official transcripts
- ↳ A syllabus for the new course

Compensating Part-Time Faculty

Part-time faculty are compensated on a per credit hour basis as follows:

- ↳ \$1,135.26 for a bachelor's degree (or less)
- ↳ \$1,189.01 for a master's degree
- ↳ \$1,258.82 for a doctoral or terminal degree (e.g., MFA, JD)

**these amounts effective as of July 1, 2025*

For independent study, practicums, partially paid courses, and independent study labs part-time faculty will be compensated on the same basis as that of continuing faculty.

Evaluating Part-Time Faculty

Part-time faculty are evaluated every other semester that they teach at UNM-Valencia by the department chair or their designee using the Part-Time Faculty Evaluation Report. The purpose of this instrument is to maintain a record of teaching performance and other required duties. Whereas teaching at UNM-Valencia cannot be used as leverage over teaching experience at other institutions, a solid record of teaching excellence at UNM-Valencia may be used in a rating matrix.

Faculty Promotions

Continuing faculty are eligible for promotion under two separate systems depending on their type of appointment.

Tenure and Promotion

Faculty with tenure or on probationary status are subject to policies as stated in Section B of the [UNM Faculty Handbook](#). Under normal circumstances, the process proceeds as follows:

1. Faculty are first appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor.
2. After a six-year probationary period (with a mid-probationary review at the end of the third year), faculty are evaluated and recommended to the Provost for tenure and advancement to the rank of Associate Professor by the Tenure and Promotion Committee, their Chair, the Dean of Instruction, and the Chancellor. Faculty who are advanced to the rank of Associate Professor will receive a \$5,035.54 salary increase.
3. After a period of another four years (again, this is under normal circumstances), faculty may be evaluated for further progress and recommended to the Provost for advancement to the rank of Professor by the Tenure and Promotion Committee, their Chair, the Dean of Instruction, and the Chancellor. Faculty who are advanced to the rank of Professor will receive an additional \$10,071.11 salary increase.

Lecturer Promotion Policy

Lecturer I, II, and III

Lecturer Level (I, II, and III) would refer to the level of degree that a Lecturer Track faculty member has at entry, or has attained since entry, at UNM-Valencia. As a general guideline, Lecturer I would be baccalaureate level, Lecturer II would refer to master's level, and Lecturer III would refer to doctoral or terminal degree level (these can be primarily instruction or primarily non-instruction-based Lecturer positions). This axis of advancement is primarily to reflect educational advancement and UNM-Valencia's dedication to further the education of not just our students, but our faculty.

Advancement from Lecturer I to Lecturer II:

If a faculty member has a bachelor's degree upon entry and then attains a master's degree, they are eligible for advancement to Lecturer II.

Advancement from Lecturer II to Lecturer III:

If a faculty member with a master's degree (upon entry or gained while working at UNM-Valencia) attains a doctoral or terminal degree, they are eligible for advancement to Lecturer III.

*MFA and MLS as being terminal degrees, would qualify a faculty member for Lecturer III and will be handled on an individual basis

Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, and Principal Lecturer

Entry level faculty on this track will be entering as Lecturers (I, II, or III dependent upon degree and contract). Lecturers at any level can, by putting time in **and showing excellence in their professional capacity**, move up to Senior, and then Principal Lecturers. (This is not dependent upon degree or Lecturer I, II, or III status.)

Promotion from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer

Once a faculty member (working consistently at .5FTE minimum) has attained five years of service, they become eligible for promotion to Senior Lecturer. Time alone does not guarantee this movement; other considerations (excellence in professional capacity as mentioned above) will be made, but the time of service is a prerequisite for promotion. Faculty who are advanced to the rank of Senior Lecturer will receive an additional \$3,631.47 salary increase. Senior Lecturers become eligible (with available funding) for a renewable three-year term appointment.

Promotion from Senior Lecturer to Principal Lecturer

Once a faculty member (working consistently at .5FTE minimum) has attained eleven years of service, they become eligible for promotion to Principal Lecturer. Time alone does not guarantee this movement; other considerations (excellence in professional capacity as mentioned above) will be made, but the time of service is a prerequisite for promotion. Faculty who are advanced to the rank of Senior Lecturer will receive an additional \$4,841.87 salary increase. Principal Lecturers become eligible (with available funding) for a renewable five-year term appointment.

Promotional Committee and Process

The Lecturer Promotion Committee is comprised of the Lecturer track faculty at UNM-Valencia.

After a Lecturer meets the time prerequisite for advancement to Senior or Principal Lecturer, he or she must seek approval from the supervisor. If the supervisor recommends the faculty member to seek advancement, then the candidate will need to prepare a dossier with specific required materials for their committee to review. A

guide for the candidate's construction of their dossier will be provided to the candidate.

The Lecturer Promotion Committee will look at the applicant's dossier, review and evaluate the material and artifacts presented with provided rubrics, and make a recommendation to the applicant's immediate supervisor for either promotion or continued service at the same rank.

Supervisor's Recommendation:

The candidate's supervisor will provide a written statement (cc: to the Committee) to be sent to the Dean of Instruction and Chancellor of UNM-Valencia for approval.

Results:

The Dean of Instruction and the Chancellor of UNM-Valencia will make the final recommendation on the candidate's promotion to the office of the Provost. They will issue a letter to the candidate (cc: supervisor and Committee) informing them of the decision, and in the case of a negative decision, the reasoning behind it.

Reapplication:

A candidate who does not attain a promotion can reapply after a two-year period.

Teacher-Student Relations

UNM's Policy on Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment is antithetical to academic values and to a work environment free from coercion. Sexual harassment violates University policy and will result in serious disciplinary action. Courts have determined that someone who feels threatened or coerced and/or unwillingly submits to sexual behaviors retains the right to bring charges of sexual harassment.

Consensual Intimate Relationships Between Teachers and Students Pursuant to UNM's Policy on Sexual Harassment:

UNM-Valencia's Policy on Teacher-Student Relations

The integrity of the teacher-student relationship is the foundation of the University's educational mission. This relationship invests considerable trust in the teacher, who, in turn, bears authority and accountability as a mentor, educator, and evaluator. The unequal institutional power inherent in this relationship heightens the vulnerability of the students and the potential for coercion. In all their relationships with students, members of the faculty are expected to be aware of this imbalance and avoid conflict of interest, favoritism, or bias. Further, these conflicts or biases jeopardize the integrity of the educational process and may lead to an inhospitable learning environment for other students; therefore, faculty/supervisors should not engage in consensual intimate relationships with their current students. Even when both parties initially have consented, the development of a consensual intimate relationship renders both the teacher and the institution vulnerable to allegations of sexual harassment in light of the significant power differential that exists between teachers and students.

In particular, teachers must not directly supervise any student with whom they have a consensual intimate relationship. When such a conflict of interest exists, immediate, effective steps must be taken by the teacher to ensure unbiased evaluation or supervision of the student. These steps include the following:

- ✦ If such a student does enroll in the course, immediately notify the Dean of Instruction, in writing, and remove him/herself from academic or professional decisions concerning the student. The Dean of Instruction, in consultation with the teacher, will then assign another teacher to grade and/or supervise the student or, if possible, place the student in another section with a different instructor.

- ✎ The Dean of Instruction or his/her designee will schedule and attend all meetings between the two teachers to discuss course content and grading requirements.

Violations of or failure to correct violations of this policy will be grounds for disciplinary action.

For purposes of this policy, “direct supervision” includes the following activities (on or off campus): course teaching, examining, grading, and advising for a formal project (such as a thesis or research), supervising required research or other academic activities, and recommending, in an institutional capacity, for employment, fellowships or awards. “Teachers” include tenure-track faculty, lecturers, part-time instructors, and professional tutors as well as graduate students and all others serving as teachers or in similar institutional roles. “Students” refers to those enrolled in any and all programs of the University.

To reiterate, by involving students in intimate relationships, teachers may take advantage of students’ vulnerable position and risk betraying the trust that is essential to a positive learning environment. Even the suggestion by a teacher that a student enter into an intimate relationship can damage the student. Students typically experience such invitations as coercive and feel obligated to accept the invitation out of fear or feel that they are in jeopardy if they refuse. Such feelings on the part of the student are incompatible with the trust in a teacher that is necessary to the learning process.

Teachers and students with questions concerning specific cases covered by this policy are encouraged to consult with their department chair or the college dean. Administrators who are put on notice of conduct possibly in violation of this policy are required to take appropriate action. In addition, students and faculty with concerns about possible sexual harassment can also contact UNM-Valencia’s Office of Human Resources (505.925.8531) or UNM’s Office of Compliance, Ethics and Equal Opportunity (505.277.5251).

Duplicating Documents and Purchasing Materials

Duplication should be used only when absolutely necessary (e.g., tests, quizzes, classroom exercises). Faculty are encouraged to seek means to disseminate information to students without duplicating. In order of recommended priority, please consider the following options:

1. Selling materials through the Bookstore. Obviously, this requires that materials to be duplicated be prepared well in advance of the start of the semester as the materials have to be cleared for copyright issues and, if applicable, permission from the intellectual owner will have to be secured before they can be duplicated. Time frame is two (original materials) to eight weeks (copyrighted material) before the start of classes.
2. Putting instructional materials on reserve at the Library. Faculty should place hardcopies of required materials in reserve in the Library. Students will be directed to the Library by their instructors to make copies of the required materials using the Library's public copiers at the students' expense.
3. Converting materials to electronic format. This process requires putting course materials on the instructor's web site or copying it to an electronic medium. The Teaching and Learning Center will gladly assist with either of these methods, but they need to be notified a few days in advance.

Note: A potential drawback for this option is that it almost always guarantees that the students will just come to the Library, Learning Commons (Tutorial), or a Business and Technology lab and print off what they need, thus incurring heavy printing costs on these areas. Printing in the Library will be possible only on non-networked printers (i.e., the student will have to bring the information to be printed on a CD or flash memory device). The Learning Commons (Tutorial) and computer labs may soon follow suit.

Duplicating, when absolutely necessary, will be handled as follows:

1. Location: In general, duplicating should be carried out in the building where your academic division is located. However, the student workers in the Academic Affairs office can also duplicate for any faculty member.
2. Monitoring of funds: Duplicating funds will be monitored closely and periodically (especially when funds start running low) and reported to the division chair. When available funds reach a low level, the division's duplicating account will be frozen and no more duplicating will be possible until the start of the next fiscal year.

3. Limitations on duplicating: It will be left up to each division chair to determine further procedures for duplicating. Division faculty will be notified by their chair of such procedures.
4. Termination of duplicating: Divisions whose duplicating funds are depleted will no longer be able to duplicate on any campus printer.

Purchasing

Office supplies and other small items can be purchased at the Bookstore with prior approval from your chair. The following procedures will apply to making purchases at the Bookstore:

1. Purchase cards will be required to purchase items at the Bookstore (Cards will be available in the Academic Affairs Office in the Arts and Sciences and Business and Technology buildings on a checkout/return basis only.) Division chairs and coordinators and office staff may check out the cards at any time; other division faculty will need authorization from their chair to check out a card.
2. When a division's materials and supplies funds reach low levels (< \$100), no further Bookstore (or other) purchases will be possible for that division.

Bigger items (i.e., \$100 or more – software, equipment, etc.) which have to be ordered require available funding, approval from the division chair, and a purchase requisition. Faculty who need a purchase requisition should contact Debra Venable at 505.925.8606.

Duties and Responsibilities of Faculty Administrators

Faculty administrators are faculty members who hold administrative/supervisory positions over academic divisions or units within divisions. Three levels of faculty administrators exist at UNM-Valencia: Dean of Instruction, Division Chairs and Managers, and Program Coordinators and Managers.

Definition of Faculty Administrative Positions

In the proposed administrative structure there are several titles. A general description for each of these follows:

- ↳ Dean of Instruction: The Dean of Instruction serves as the Chief Academic Officer for the institution.
- ↳ Division Chair: Division Chairs at UNM-Valencia are very similar to academic chairs at our main campus and are subject to the same governing policies. The primary difference between a division and a department chair is that the former oversees multiple departments and disciplines. The job description, duties and responsibilities are detailed below.
- ↳ Program Coordinator: Program Coordinators assist their respective division chair by assuming various curriculum-related responsibilities for specific programs under the supervision of their chair. Except in specific instances as delegated by the division chair, program coordinators are not responsible for supervising division faculty or staff.
- ↳ Program Manager: Program Managers assist their respective division chair or manager with supervision of a major area or program within the division. As such, these are generally twelve-month position. As is the case with coordinators, program managers are responsible for curriculum development, but are also responsible for supervising faculty and staff in their respective areas of responsibilities.

Dean of Instruction

The following are more specific duties and responsibilities for this position:

1. Qualifications:
 - a. Demonstrated teaching excellence
 - b. Proven record of service as a faculty administrator

2. Supervisor:
 - a. Chancellor
3. Scope of Responsibility:
 - a. Academic, vocational, developmental/transitional, and adult basic education instruction
 - b. Library
 - c. Teaching and Learning Center
4. Selection Process:
 - a. Recommendations for both the initial appointment and reappointments to terms of office are to be made by the Chancellor after consultation with division chairs, faculty and instructional staff.
 - b. The consultation with chairs, faculty and instructional staff shall include the taking of a vote by secret ballot.
 - c. Reappointment must also be guided by the stated willingness of the Dean of Instruction to continue in that position, the results of the evaluation in the fourth year, and the willingness of the chairs, faculty and instructional staff, evidenced by secret ballot, to have the Dean of Instruction continue in office.
 - d. Resolution of a disagreement: In the case of a disagreement between the administration and the chairs, faculty, and instructional staff, an amicable resolution will be found. The Dean of Instruction serves at the pleasure of the Chancellor, but the Dean of Instruction's appointment and continuing appointment occurs with the advice of and in consultation with the chairs, faculty, and instructional staff. A Dean of Instruction who has lost the confidence and support of his or her chairs, faculty, and instructional staff cannot provide the positive leadership needed by the instructional area.
5. Evaluation Process:
 - a. The Dean is evaluated each spring semester by the Chancellor with input from chairs, faculty and instructional staff.
 - b. The results of the evaluation process, as coordinated by the Instructional Council, will be reported to the Chancellor. The Chancellor will share these results with the Dean of Instruction as part of the Dean of Instruction's annual review.

- c. The evaluation shall be used in salary increment determinations for the Dean of Instruction.
- 6. Terms in Office:
 - a. Five-year terms, renewable
 - b. According to the new policy for the Appointment and Continuation of Deans, "It shall be understood that a policy of terms of office for deans does not abrogate the long-standing policy of the University that deans serve in any college at the pleasure of the Provost or Vice President for Health Sciences (Chancellor, for a branch campus), and that a dean's appointment and continuing appointment occurs with the advice of and in consultation with the faculty and chairs of the college (plus instructional staff, for a branch campus). This means, simply, that deans may be replaced during a term of office; also, they may resign."
- 7. Time Commitment:
 - a. Twelve-month contract position
- 8. Description of Duties and Responsibilities:
 - a. Supervision of all faculty divisions and division chairs
 - b. Supervision of all instructional and academic support staff, to include oversight of the campus Library and the Adult Basic Education Center
 - c. Coordination and preparation of class schedules and campus catalog
 - d. Assignment of faculty to classes through division chairs
 - e. Preparation and administration of instructional budget
 - f. Supervision of the review process of instructional programs
 - g. Coordination of faculty orientation program
 - h. Development of annual goals and objective for the instructional area
 - i. Oversight of hiring and evaluation of faculty
 - j. Membership in the Valencia Campus administrative team
 - k. Oversight of the day-to-day instructional areas
 - l. Oversight of processes for accreditation and evaluation visits
 - m. Participation in campus promotional/recruitment activities
 - n. Interaction with UNM departments and state/community entities as related to instructional matters
 - o. Serving as chair the Instructional Council
 - p. Serving as "second in command" and in place of the Chancellor during his/her absence

Division Chairs

The following describes the qualifications, reporting supervisor, scope of responsibilities, selection process, evaluation process, terms in office, time commitment and, of course, duties and responsibilities for division chairs:

1. Qualifications:
 - a. Regular, continuing faculty within their respective division
 - b. Demonstrated teaching excellence within their division and management experience preferred
 - c. Division chairs may be appointed from the current ranks of faculty or may be hired for that purpose
2. Supervisor:
 - a. Dean of Instruction
3. Scope of Responsibility
 - a. Business and Industrial Technologies Division Chair:
Courses in Accounting, Automotive Technology, Business Administration, Construction Technology, Game Design, Information Technology, Management, Marketing, and Welding.
Programs in Automotive Technology, Business Administration, Construction, Game Design and Simulation, and Welding
 - b. Fine Arts, Film and Digital Media Chair:
Courses in Art History, Art Studio, Film and Digital Media, and Music
Programs in Art Studio, Film and Digital Arts, Film Technician
 - c. Health Sciences Division Chair:
Courses in Emergency Medical Services, Health Career Health Sciences, Health Career Health Technology, Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy, and Personal Care Attendant
Programs in Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology, Medical Assistant, Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Personal Care Attendant, and Phlebotomy

d. Humanities Division Chair:

Courses in Communication and Journalism, English (Language and Literature, Composition and Rhetoric, Developmental), Linguistics, Philosophy, Sign Language, and Spanish

Programs in English and Liberal Arts

e. Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science Division Chair:

Courses in Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics (plus Developmental), and Statistics

Programs in Computational Mathematics, Mathematics, and Pre-Engineering

f. Science and Wellness Division Chair:

Courses in Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Health Education, Natural Science, Nutrition, Physical Education, and Physics

Programs in General Science and Medical Biotechnology

g. Social Sciences Division Chair:

Courses in Anthropology, Chicana/o Studies, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Economics, Education, Gender Studies, General Studies, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

Programs in Chicana/o Studies, Criminal Justice, Criminology, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Psychology, and Secondary Education.

4. Selection Process:

- a. Recommendations for both the initial appointment and reappointments to terms of office are to be made by the Dean of Instruction after consultation with division faculty and other such persons as they shall see fit.
- b. In the case of a division chair being a new faculty appointment (i.e., hired in part to serve in this capacity), division faculty will be consulted prior to the start of the search process.
- c. Reappointment must also be guided by the stated willingness of the chairperson to continue in that position, the results of the evaluation in the third or penultimate year, and the willingness of the majority of the faculty, evidenced by secret ballot, to have the chair continue in office.
- d. Resolution of a disagreement -- In the case of a disagreement between the administration and the faculty in a department, an amicable

resolution will be found. A chair serves at the pleasure of the Dean of Instruction, but a chair's appointment and continuing appointment occurs with the advice of and in consultation with the faculty. A chair who has lost the confidence and support of his or her faculty cannot provide the positive leadership needed by the division.

5. Evaluation Process:

- a. Division chairs are evaluated each spring semester by the Dean of Instruction with input from division faculty.
- b. The results of the evaluation process will be reported to the chair before the end of the spring semester. The Dean of Instruction will share these results with the chair as part of the chair's annual review.

6. Terms in Office:

- a. Four-year terms, renewable
- b. According to the policy for the Appointment and Continuation in Office of Departmental Chairpersons, *"It shall be understood that a policy of terms of office for chairpersons does not abrogate the long-standing policy of the University that chairpersons serve in any college at the pleasure of the dean of that college (Dean of Instruction, for a branch campus). Additionally, a chair's appointment and continuing appointment occurs with the advice of and in consultation with the faculty. This means, simply, that chairpersons may be replaced during a term of office; also, they may resign."*

7. Time Commitment:

- a. For each three-credit hour course release a division chair is expected to serve the equivalent of eight administrative hours (in addition to teaching-related office hours).

8. Description of Duties and Responsibilities:

- a. Preparation of the schedule of classes for each semester, based on the best available data, according to established policies and procedures (e.g., "Enrollment Management" document), with the best interest of students in mind, and in cooperation with Student Services; assign faculty to classes
- b. Coordination of various start-of-semester enrollment matters to include monitoring enrollment, informing the Dean of Instruction of any such developments to determine class cancellations and, wherever necessary, adding of sections.
- c. Supervision of curriculum development within the division:

- i. Ensure that the course descriptions of academic courses are current with UNM course descriptions and that academic programs (associates and certificates) are coherent with lower-division requirements for corresponding programs at UNM
 - ii. If applicable, coordinate the development and review of technical programs (courses, degrees and certificates) through advisory boards with an end to provide coherence and relevance with business and industry needs
 - iii. Promote sound pedagogy in collaboration with division faculty, Student Services, and others as deemed necessary
 - iv. Provide Curriculum Committee with all requested documents for program reviews
 - v. Where applicable, and in collaboration with program coordinators (if any) Student Services, determine placement scores for entry-level courses
 - vi. Participate in the development of UNM-Valencia's Catalog by providing the Dean of Instruction with all required information
 - vii. Coordinate teaching and learning assessment efforts within the division
- d. Supervision of division faculty:
 - i. Recruit, hire and evaluate part-time faculty according to established guidelines and policies
 - ii. Coordinate hiring processes for continuing faculty subject to procedures initiated in the Main Campus Faculty Handbook
 - iii. Evaluate continuing faculty on an annual basis by way of classroom observation, review of the Faculty Evaluation Form, and by writing "Chair's Summary Evaluation" letter
 - iv. As applicable and at the appropriate times, provide summary evaluation and recommendation for tenure and promotion decisions or advancement of lecturers
 - v. If applicable, supervise program coordinators and staff and conduct their annual evaluations
 - vi. If necessary, and with the consent of the Dean of Instruction and Chancellor and subject to procedures initiated in the Main Campus Faculty Handbook, notify continuing faculty of poor performance, disciplinary action and/or non-renewal of contract

- vii. Based on a report of students enrolled in programs associated with their divisions (provided by Student Services each semester), initiate and maintain contact with students, and determine progress toward a transfer status or degree attainment either directly or through division faculty
- viii. Supervise division budgets, to include grants
- ix. Coordinate strategic planning initiatives for the division in collaboration with division faculty
- x. If applicable, supervise division equipment, laboratories, and lab staff
- xi. Serve on the Chairs' Council and the Instructional Council as a member of UNM-Valencia's administrative team

Program Coordinators

The following describes the qualifications, supervisor, scope of responsibilities, selection process, evaluation process, terms in office, time commitment and, duties and responsibilities for Program Coordinators:

1. Qualifications:
 - a. Regular, continuing faculty
 - b. Demonstrated teaching excellence, curriculum development and professional development experience in their discipline
2. Supervisor:
 - a. Chair of corresponding division
3. Current Program Coordinator Positions:
 - a. Gallery Coordinator: Fine Art, Film and Digital Media Division
 - b. English Coordinator: Humanities Division
 - c. Developmental Mathematics Coordinator: Mathematics, Engineering and Computer Science Division
 - d. Physical Education Coordinator: Science and Wellness Division
 - e. Science Coordinator: Science and Wellness Division
 - f. STEM Undergraduate Research Coordinator: Science and Wellness Division
 - g. Business Administration Coordinator: Business and Industrial Technologies Division

4. Selection Process:
 - a. Selected by the chair of the corresponding division with concurrence from the Dean of Instruction
5. Evaluation Process:
 - a. Program Coordinators are evaluated each spring semester by the chair of the corresponding division with input from faculty in the corresponding program.
 - b. A program coordinator may be removed by the respective division chair or they may resign at any point during the coordinator's term in office.
6. Terms in Office:
 - a. Two-year terms, renewable
7. Time Commitment:
 - a. Program coordinators may receive release time based on perceived workload needs. If course release is granted, for each three-credit hour course release given, a coordinator is expected to spend the equivalent of eight hours for administrative duties.
8. Description of Duties and Responsibilities:
 - a. Assisting the chair in drafting course schedules for the corresponding program course offerings
 - b. Coordination of curriculum evaluation and development of corresponding courses and programs
 - c. Preparation of long-term (three year) strategic plan for the areas of responsibility to include goals, objectives and resource requirements
 - d. Establishment and coordination of the fulfillment of program goals and objectives and identify resources requirements needed to attain those objectives
 - e. Communication of students' concerns to the corresponding division chair to include class availability, course content, instructors and other instructional issues pertaining to the program classes
 - f. Assisting chair with recruiting, selecting, assigning, orienting, evaluating, and mentoring program faculty
 - g. Conducting periodic meetings and workshops for program departmental unit faculty
 - h. Representation of the program on the Instructional Council

- i. Preparation for accreditation and evaluation visits (every ten years)
- j. Coordination of teaching and learning assessment efforts within the area of responsibility

Program Managers

Duties and responsibilities of program managers are similar in most respects to division chairs and program coordinators, respectively, with the following differences:

- A. They are hired exclusively for the position they hold and are selected through typical faculty search process.
- B. They are generally twelve-month faculty.
- C. Program managers may directly supervise faculty and staff and laboratories or equipment centers.
- D. Discontinuation of duties, either by way of resignation or dismissal, would result in termination of employment unless otherwise determined by the Dean of Instruction or Chancellor for reassignment to another position.
- E. Continuation in the position is ongoing (i.e., there are no set terms in office).

Specific areas of responsibilities are as follows:

- A. Next Steps: Adult Education Center Program Manager: College and career readiness, including high school equivalency, English language and related programs and services
- B. Wellness Center Program Manager: Physical and health education curricula and programs, operation of the Wellness Center and supervision of center staff, and promotion of health and wellness activities and programs on campus
- C. Allied Health Program Manager: Allied Health curricula and programs.
- D. Community Education and Workforce Development Program Manager: Programs designed to be non-credit and tailored to workforce needs.