

Restructuring of the School of Applied Technology: A comprehensive program review process has been undertaken to enhance critical existing degree programs and phase out programs no longer relevant. As a result of action taken by the Board of Regents at its May 2007 meeting, five associate degree programs that were no longer meeting the needs of the communities that WNMU serves were deleted effective at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year.

PROGRAM
Automotive
Business and Office Technology
Computer Networking
Construction
Drafting and Design

As a result of this process and interviews with stakeholders in Silver City/Grant County, Deming/Luna County, Truth or Consequences/Sierra County, Socorro/ Socorro County and Lordsburg/Hidalgo County, we realized that the School of Applied Technology needs to be more nimble and able to take programs and short courses to the areas they are needed to accomplish this, we need to restructure the programs and delivery models in the School of Applied Technology:

- retain the certificates in Automotive, Business and Office Technology, Computer Networking, Construction, and Drafting and Design Technology degree programs and close the associate programs;
- continue the existing programs in Digital Media, Electrical, Welding and Financial Services;
- initiate additional certificate programs and short courses based on the suggestions of the various advisory groups.
- restructure the delivery model to offer short term, condensed skill based training offered in the evening; accommodate shift work in program scheduling; accommodate dual enrollment (concurrent) students as well as non-traditional students; ladder skill based training blocks into certifications, certificates and associate degrees; deliver hands-on, practical instruction rather than theory based; use on-site /on the job training; stress work ethics (being on time, working 40 hours per week, dressing appropriately), and the importance of being drug free in all programs; and key skill based training blocks to the local economy of each county as arrived at in collaboration with the local business community, the local government, schools, and economic development entities.