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WNMU OFFERS FIRST ONLINE MASTERS DEGREE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES AVAILABLE IN NEW MEXICO

SILVER CITY, N.M. – Western New Mexico University has become the first university in the state of New Mexico to offer a fully online Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program. The program, along with two other bachelor degree programs, have been granted full accreditation.

“We are extremely excited to offer three fully online, fully accredited degree programs to students who are unable to attend classes at our beautiful Silver City campus,” stated Katherine Warren, director of WNMU’s Virtual Campus.

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools granted accreditation to the three degree programs, which also includes the Bachelor of Arts in Rehabilitation Services, and the Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminal Justice.

With all required courses being offered online, students from anywhere in the world can now enroll in these classes. Registration, payment of tuition and fees, and textbook purchases can also take place online.

“These programs appeal to students both inside and outside New Mexico who are living in rural locations, or who are time and place bound due to employment and family obligations,” said Warren.

Recently students from Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) completed the Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminal Justice program while living in Albuquerque. The two students, Jenna Harper and Yvette Sanchez, enrolled in the program two years ago and graduated last May, all while not stepping foot on the WNMU campus.

WNMU offers over 100 courses online. The availability of three fully online degree programs, Warren feels, makes attending college classes much easier. “Pursuing a fully online degree can reduce costs related to travel, childcare, and absences from the workplace,” she added.

The Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies is a 36-hour program requiring students to select two 18-hour areas of concentration such as history, English, political science, psychology, criminal justice, or management information systems. The School

of Education also offers areas concentrations in educational technology, elementary and secondary education, special education, reading, and bilingual education.

For more information on online programs offered at WNMU, please call 575-538-6549 or visit the WNMU Virtual Campus at www.wnmu.edu/virtualcampus.

Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

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