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SCHOOL OF NURSING ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION VISIT

Silver City, NM – Silver City—Western New Mexico University School of Nursing’s RN to BSN Completion Program is scheduled for an on-site accreditation review March 12-14, 2012 by a team from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. This will be a re-accreditation visit for the RN to BSN Completion Program that began in August 2005. The Associate Degree Nursing Program has been accredited continuously since 1993 by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Western New Mexico University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous accrediting agency focusing on the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate education programs preparing effective nurses. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing education programs and the continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education. The Commission is recognized by the Department of Education.

The site visiting team will review the RN to BSN program according to four standards of program quality: mission and governance, institutional commitment and resources, curriculum and teaching-learning practices, and student performance and faculty accomplishments. Acting as a fact-finding body, the evaluation team will prepare a report for the institution and the CCNE. The report will be reviewed by an Accreditation Review Committee and forward its recommendation to the CCNE Board.

The commission provides the opportunity for program constituents to submit written and signed comments concerning an educational program’s qualifications for accreditation status. CCNE shares third-party comments with members of the evaluation team prior to the visit, but at no time during the review process are these comments shared with the program. During its review of the program, the evaluation team considers third-party comments, if any, which relate to the program’s compliance with the accreditation standards.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the RN to BSN Completion Program to:

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Comments must be received by February 11, 2012.

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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