**2016 PROGRAM REVIEW**

*Western Nevada College*

*Associate Degree ,* *Associate of Science*

1. **Description of Program reviewed**

The Associate of Science degree at Western Nevada College is designed for students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree in science, math, engineering, or related fields. The AS degree has general education requirements in English, fine arts, humanities, social sciences, and US & NV Constitutions; additionally, the degree specifies program requirements in natural sciences (12 units, at least 8 from lab sciences) and mathematics (minimum Calculus I). The AS program mission is to provide the academic knowledge and skills for successful transfer to meet higher education goals.

1. **Review Process and Criteria**

Program review is a collaborative effort led by academic division staff and a program review team of academic faculty. The process involves both internal and external reviewers, a student panel, and faculty and staff. During the program review process, five years of assessment data and reports are collected and submitted as part of the program review. Ultimately, the benefit to a program undergoing review is directly related to the seriousness with which the process is approached. Program faculty who spend time clarifying the issues, developing their assessment plans and self-study, and focusing on implementing the resulting recommendations experience the most improvement and benefit.

1. **Major Findings and Conclusions of the Program Review**

AS Program mission and outcomes were updated to align with institutional student learning outcomes.

Program requirements (science and math) were reviewed and updated.

An assessment team has been developed to monitor program progress and assessment during the 5 year cycle.

There will be a review of expectations and student performance in writing in lab science courses.

Recommendations were put forward regarding academic faculty advisement and expanded online offerings.

1. **Next Steps for this Program Based on Program Review Findings and Recommendations**

The assessment team will help to maintain momentum within 5-year assessment cycles.

Non-general education courses will be reviewed to ensure program alignment.

Plans are in development to initiate formal academic faculty advising roles.

1. **Descriptive Statistics**
   1. **Number of students with declared major in the program area:**

2015-16 622

* 1. **Number of graduates from the program for the following years:**

2013-14 70

2014-15 62

2015-16 64

* 1. **Headcount of students enrolled in any course related to the program (duplicated):**

Fall 2015 1526

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