

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM REVIEW

Western Nevada College

Associate of Applied Science, Deaf Studies

I. Description of Program Reviewed

The Associate of Applied Science in Deaf Studies degree program is designed to prepare students with a strong linguistic and cultural foundation to enter any professional career related to people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Students in this program acquire fluency in American Sign Language, knowledge of the rich cultural and historic aspects of the Deaf Community, basic bilingual educational approaches in language development and the current issues facing people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

II. Review Process and Criteria

The program review team conducted a self-study over the course of the 2012-2013 academic year which covered the years 2005-2012 in order to identify program strengths, weaknesses, and ideas for improvement in terms of: enrollment, curriculum, scheduling, student satisfaction, instructional quality, and program retention. The Office of Institutional Research provided the review team with the data that was used to inform conclusions about the program. External reviewer – GBC Teacher of the Deaf adjunct instructor JoAnne Dondero and internal reviewer WNC English adjunct instructor Kevin Burns – reviewed the self-study document, toured the Carson campus facilities, met with a group of deaf studies students, and reported their findings to the program review team, members of the Program Assessment and Review Committee, the Director of Career and Technical Education, and the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.

III. Major Findings and Conclusions of the Program Review

The following are the major strengths of the program that were identified during the review process:

Several opportunities to improve the program were also identified. Recommendations from internal [I] and external [E] reviewers are in italics:

Program Recruitment and Retention:

Distance Education:

Scheduling:

Program Information:

***IV.* Descriptive Statistics**

- A. Number of students with declared major in the program area:**
- B. Number of graduates from the program for the following years:**
- C. Headcount of students enrolled in any course related to the program:**