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"The People's College"

Mission Statement: "Creating Opportunities for You!"

Vision Statement: "New Mexico's Premier Community College: Preparing Students for Success"

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LCC's LPN Program recognized nationally

LCC named as one of the top Hispanic-friendly programs in U.S.

Statistics indicate that the need for Hispanic nurses in America is increasing. According to PracticalNursing.org, Luna Community College is doing its share to help this shortage. Luna Community College was named the 21st ranked Hispanic-friendly Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program in the United States by PracticalNursing.org.

According to PracticalNursing.org, the data used to determine the top friendly LPN program



2014 Luna Community College LPN graduate Tony Trujillo is pictured here at the annual pinning ceremony.

was obtained from the 2012 Integrate Post Secondary Education Data System (IPEDS). The programs completions were analyzed and ranked via the following process

- The program must have at least 10 students
- The program must have at least 10 Hispanic students
- Twenty five percent of the total students completing the program must be Hispanic

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Fall classes begin
on Monday,
Aug. 18.
The last day to
add classes is
Monday, Aug. 25.

Luna Community College will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12 as employee orientation will take place. The campus re-opens for business at 1 p.m. that day.

Luna Community College will be having Welcome Back Week from Monday, Aug. 18 through Friday, Aug. 22



Fitness & Wellness

Kickboxing & Step Combo



Aug. 18 - Dec. 5, 2014 (M-W) 12:00p -- 12:50p



- Cardiovascular machines
- Cardio-conditioning equipment
- Free weights
- Boxing equipment
- Exercise balls
- Toning & abdominal equipment
- Wellness staff available

Last day to enroll, August 25th
(LCC Registrar's Office)

Regular Fees: \$ 41 -- Senior Fees: \$ 28
Approx. \$10/month Approx. \$7/month

Step, Kick, Punch & Jam!

Registrar's Office 505-454-5314

Wellness Center 505-425-8767

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Accelerate program achieves significant improvement in college graduation rates

The first three years of the *Accelerate* Technical Training and Job Placement program show significant increases in persistence and graduation rates. In a July 15 filing, the Regional Development Corporation (RDC) of Española reported that evaluation metrics proved northern New Mexico college students participating in the *Accelerate* program are achieving greater success in comparison with the general student population.

The program announced that 124 of its 380 participating students to date have earned at least one certificate or two-year technical degree. Eighty-seven students are continuing their education by transferring to four-year degree programs. With an average student age of 29, *Accelerate* focuses on transitional workers with re-training needs and non-traditional students enrolled in certificate and two-year technical degree programs.

National rankings place New Mexico last in the percentage increase of college graduates between 1990 and 2010. The average graduation rate of *Accelerate* program participants increased to 39 percent versus the average reported rate of the participating school's general population of 28 percent.

Persistence, an indicator of the desire and action of a student to stay within the system of higher education, is measured by calculating the rate of full-time, first-time, degree-seeking students enrolled in their initial fall semester who are retained through the following spring semester. The average persistence rate (fall to spring) of *Accel-*



Students participating in Chuck Peterson's summer algebra with applications. Students applied math principals by working with robotics during lab session. Pictured (l-r) are: Chuck Peterson, instructor, Andreas Cambron, Marvin Marcarenas (instructor), Jessica Benavidez and Matthew Trujillo.

erate program participants was 86 percent versus the average reported rate of the general population among the six participating institutions of higher education of 75 percent .

According to Dr. Cedric Page, *Accelerate* Advisory Committee member and Professor of Geography at UNM-Los Alamos, "These metrics clearly indicate that the *Accelerate* program is succeeding in its goals to increase persistence and graduation rates in northern New Mexico. At UNM-LA, we are committed to institutionalizing components of the program and we believe the success of the *Accelerate* model to date indicates it should be incorporated at a statewide level."

By participating in the *Accelerate* program, northern New Mexico's colleges are better positioned for proposed

changes in the state's new performance-based funding formula that will reward them for achieving higher persistence rates and increasing numbers of certificates and degrees awarded – especially to at-risk students and to those in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and health (STEMH) fields.

Accelerate, a program of the RDC in collaboration with Santa Fe Community College, Luna Community College, New Mexico Highlands University, Northern New Mexico College, the University of New Mexico-Taos, and the University of New Mexico-Los Alamos, is funded by a five-year grant from the Department of Energy/Office of Environmental Management, the RDC, participating colleges and regional employers.

In an effort to improve our readership, we are asking employees and students to submit e-mail addresses of anyone interested in receiving *The Luna Light* to jgallegos@luna.edu. Thank you.

LPN Program...

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- The programs were ranked in order of the percent of total students that were Hispanic

Most recently Luna Community College had 25 LPN graduates.

In 2013, the college had 32 graduates.

In 2012, the LCC LPN Program had a 63.6 Hispanic enrollment.

In 2013, LCC LPN students had a 100 percent pass rate in their National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). In 2012 it was 93.8 percent and in 2011 it was 85 percent. In 2010 and 2009 it was 100 percent and 96.4 percent, respectively. LCC's pass rate, over the course of the last 11 years reached 100 percent in 2006, 2003 and 2002.

"We're very proud to have such a large Hispanic student population," said LCC Nursing Director Conni Reichert. "We're glad to be

part of this kind of recognition that solidifies our mission to prepare high quality nurses for our community."

According to PracticalNursing.com, demographics show that certain states have higher populations of Hispanics than others. Along with New Mexico, Texas, California, Florida and Arizona have the highest percentage of population that is of Hispanic or Latino descent. They go on to say that Hispanic LPN's in the healthcare workforce is important because they are often bilingual and can more easily provide and translate complex medical instructions to patients who speak only Spanish.

PracticalNursing.org offers information on all aspects of becoming and working as an LPN. PracticalNursing.org was built to guide those interested in pursuing an exciting career in healthcare.

NEED HELP NAVIGATING YOUR ONLINE CLASSES?



Then you need to attend

Blackboard Student Trainings

10:00am & 2:00pm

- **Tuesday, August 19, 2014**
- **Wednesday, August 20, 2014**
- **Thursday, August 28, 2014**



All trainings will be held in the Student Online Learning Lab

Student Services Building Room 204

For more information please call 505-454-5331

*** Times and Dates subject to change due to weather conditions and/or work schedule changes.**



"Creating Opportunities for You!"

Luna Community College will be going through an on-site re-accreditation visit at the campus on October 13-15, 2014. A team of evaluators will be conducting a comprehensive evaluation.

We encourage 3rd party comments regarding Luna Community College practices, procedures, and/or policies.

All comments should be sent directly to:

Mr. Lloyd Hammonds, Team Chair
lloyd.hammonds@coconino.edu

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“ Computers are incredibly fast, accurate and stupid; humans are incredibly slow, inaccurate and brilliant; together they are powerful beyond imagination”

~Albert Einstein~



LCC Computer Science Program Fall 2014 Course Offerings:

CS105 Introduction to Computer Science

****CS112** Introduction to Operating Systems

****CS220 A+** Essentials w/ Practical Applications

CS140 Computer Science I

****CS261** Network Concepts I

VGD106 Script Writing and Storyboarding

****** Prepares students for Certification

School of Business

Fall 2014

Web Design

Desktop Publishing

Classes start August 18, 2014

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Fall 2014 Online Courses

ACCT 200E	4	Accounting Principles I	M-W	5:30-7:10	D. Gutierrez
ACCT 201E	4	Accounting Principles II	T-R	1:00-2:50	D. Gutierrez
BUS 105E	3	Introduction to Business	T	5:30-8:20	E. Ortega
CSA 150E	1	Computer Fundamentals	S	5:30-9:20	B. Lobato
CSA 150E	2	Computer Fundamentals	R	5:30-0:20	D. Gutierrez
CSA 150E	2	Computer Fundamentals	T	5:30-0:20	D. Gutierrez
MGMT 207E	1	Principles of Management	W	5:30-8:20	E. Ortega
MKT 201E	1	Principles of Marketing	R	5:30-8:20	E. Ortega

REGISTER NOW

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Annual Scholarship Golf Classic

AUGUST 16, 2014
Pendaries Golf Course, Rociada, NM

All Golf Proceeds will be used
to match Title V Endowment
for academic scholarships.

ENTRY FEE: \$1,000 a team

INCLUDES GREEN FEES & CART, FAMOUS PRIME RIB DINNER AND FABULOUS PRIZES

For sponsor or registration request please contact:

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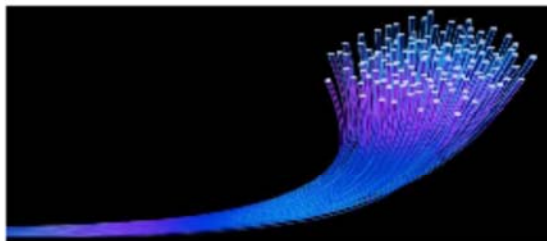


Entry Deadline is Monday August 4, 2014

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Electronics Engineering Technology Program



Fall 2014 Course Offerings

ELEC101 Electronics Circuits/DC

ELEC202 Telecommunications Electronics

SMET101 Introduction to Science, Math & Engineering Technology

SMET105 Computer Use for Technology

SMET117 Introduction to Engineering



Nervous and excited Luna Community College LPN students attended fall nursing orientation on Friday, Aug. 8. Students reviewed nursing policy and had an overview to the expectations and how the semester ahead will fall into place. Their classes are set to begin at 8 a.m. sharp on Aug. 18.

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JOIN YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

GET PAID TO BE A LEADER!



NOMINATIONS OPEN
AUGUST 25TH—SEPTEMBER 5TH

"BECOME PART OF THE GREAT CHANGES HAPPENING AT LCC!"

For more information, visit www.luna.edu/student_government/ or contact SG Advisors, Dawna Ortega-Gallegos & Amanda Ortiz at studentgovernment@luna.edu.

Luna Community College students, faculty, staff and community, a Rough Rider Meal Card is available. The Rough Rider Meal Card can be purchased at the LCC Fiscal Office. For more information, call LCC Food Services Manager Paul Sandoval at 505/454-2581.

Fall class schedules are available and can be picked up at local businesses and throughout the LCC service area.

Springer Parade 2014



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