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University of Southern Nevada College of Nursing to Graduate Inaugural Class

Bachelor of Science in Nursing program continues to grow in popularity

(Las Vegas, Nev.) – The inaugural class of 26 students from the University of Southern Nevada (USN) College of Nursing will receive their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees during commencement ceremonies from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 at the Clark County Central Library Theatre, located at 1401 E. Flamingo Road.

“This is a proud moment for the university as our first nursing students graduate,” said Dr. Mable Smith, dean of the USN College of Nursing. “They’ve received a comprehensive education from experienced nursing faculty and have worked hard to exceed our expectations. We expect to see great things to come from them in the future.”

As a result of the statewide shortage of nurses, the graduating students are already receiving job offers from medical facilities throughout Southern Nevada.

Introduced in 2006, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is taught using USN’s innovative block curriculum. This format allows students to focus on one subject at a time to fully master the skills they are acquiring in both the classroom and clinical setting. The block curriculum, combined with a year-round academic schedule, enables students to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 18 months.

Since launching the program, USN has seen its enrollment in the College of Nursing grow by nearly 240 percent, with 82 new students beginning the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in August 2007. The college currently has a total of 114 students enrolled in the program.

Founded in 1999, the University of Southern Nevada is a private, non-profit higher learning institution with campuses located in Henderson, Nev. and South Jordan, Utah. The university offers high-quality degree programs in the area of health sciences, including Doctor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science in Nursing as well as a Master of Business Administration degree program. The University of Southern Nevada is licensed to operate by the Nevada Commission on Post Secondary Education and is accredited by the Accrediting Council on Pharmaceutical Education. For information call 702-990-4433 or visit www.usn.edu.

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