

## **Academic Program Proposals**

**February 1, 2013**

The following is a list of academic program proposals being considered for approval at the February 1, 2013, Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Meeting.

The Institution's Name, Program Title, and Program Summary are listed below. Contact ADHE for a copy of the proposals.

If you have concerns, objections, questions or comments concerning a specific proposal, please send them to **Cynthia Moten** ([Cynthia.Moten@adhe.edu](mailto:Cynthia.Moten@adhe.edu)) at ADHE no later than **December 3, 2012**.

Please note that Mid-South Community College has requested that its proposal be considered prior to the February meeting at a special telephone meeting of the Coordinating Board on a date yet to be determined; therefore, **please submit your comments on the Mid-South proposal no later than November 16, 2012**.

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### **Mid-South Community College, West Memphis Associate of Applied Science in Professional Pilot**

The proposed professional pilot program is designed to prepare veterans and other individuals for careers within the domestic air transportation industry to be responsive to Arkansas's aerospace employers for pilots, flight instructors, airport administrators, and for-hire passenger operators. The 69-semester credit hour program combines flight training with aviation courses, business courses, and general education courses that includes two options - airplanes and helicopters. MSCC will employ one full-time instructor to lead the program and two adjunct faculty to teach the aviation courses; and will contract with FAA approved Upper Limit Aviation of Salt Lake City, Utah, to provide the required equipment and personnel for flight training labs. The proposed program complements the existing associate degree in aviation technology,

### **Arkansas Tech University Master of Science in Business Administration**

The proposed master's program in business administration will provide a graduate business alternative for students whose undergraduate preparation was a field outside of business administration. Students who wish to develop administrative skills for their chosen career but who are not interested in completing the Master of Business Administration degree can opt for this program instead. Various 4000-level elective courses in the business law, economics, management, and marketing fields will be cross-listed as 5000-level courses; and non-business departments may provide a group of graduate-level administrative electives for the student's career-specific education.

### **Arkansas Tech University – Ozark Campus Associate of Applied Science in Cardiovascular Technology**

The Cardiovascular Technician assists and performs examinations specifically concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of patients with cardiac and peripheral vascular disease. The Cardiovascular Technician working under the direction of a physician is trained in the performance of and is proficient in the use of non-invasive cardiac ultrasound. Students will prepare, calibrate and operate non-invasive analytical technologies creating an easily definable foundation of data to establish a correct anatomic and physiologic heart diagnosis.

Cardiovascular Technology (CVT) is a rapidly advancing specialty area due to continued technological advances particularly intracardiac ultrasonic imagery. The various types of ultrasound equipment require

a highly skilled operator to obtain imaging information or other required data. The CVT must obtain appropriate clinical history, cardiac related information and laboratory data to better adapt the imaging techniques to obtain the most comprehensive and diagnostic information. Students completing the Associate of Applied Science in Cardiovascular Technology will be prepared to sit for the Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS) exam. Arkansas Tech University–Ozark Campus will seek accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Joint Review Committee for Cardiovascular Technology (JRCCVT).

### **University of Arkansas, Fayetteville Doctor of Nursing Practice**

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a practice-focused terminal degree that prepares graduates to practice at the highest level in specialty practice or to assume leadership positions in health care. The DNP is designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing practice, and offers an alternative to research focused doctoral (PhD) programs. The proposed program will include specialties in Adult/Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) and Adult/Geriatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (NP). The adult/geriatric clinical nurse specialty already exists as an option in the Master of Science in Nursing degree. The adult/geriatric acute care nurse practitioner specialty will be added to offer two of the four advanced practice nursing roles, i.e. nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, nurse midwife, and nurse anesthetist. The program, due to demand and national trends, will use a hybrid delivery model. The program will be delivered via distance education, with only 1-3 campus visits, depending upon the specialty and program of study chosen by the student. Clinical placements will be arranged at a location convenient to the student; however, faculty formally negotiates student placement with the agency and preceptor to ensure proper contracts and qualifications. Newly admitted students would enter the DNP program beginning Fall 2013.

### **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Sciences**

The baccalaureate degree program in Emergency Medical Sciences (BS-EMS) is predominantly an online degree for licensed paramedics that will cultivate skills in administration, education, and advanced level practice. The overall goal of the BS-EMS program will be to broaden the knowledge base and provide graduates with the skills necessary to positively impact healthcare operations and wellness in local communities. The program will prepare graduates to assume positions of responsibility in a variety of health care, research, business, community, and educational settings. In addition, graduates will be better able to adapt to new rules precipitated by a changing health care delivery environment and to solve problems with interdisciplinary solutions.

### **University of Central Arkansas Doctor of Nursing Practice**

The 36-hour practice-focused Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program – expected to require two years (six-semesters) of enrollment – will be offered as a post-master's nursing degree. Course work will be delivered online, and students will engage in advanced clinical training and capstone scholarly projects at practice sites near their places of residence. The curriculum for the DNP degree is based on competencies outlined in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, *Essentials of DNP Education* (2006). Graduates will use clinical scholarship and analytic methods to practice nursing at the highest level; improve quality and safety of healthcare systems through organizational leadership; foster inter-professional collaboration in the improvement of population health outcomes; and influence healthcare policy that determines financing, regulation, access, and delivery of care. Graduates will be employed in a variety of settings, including primary care, acute and long-term care, public health agencies, and schools of nursing. While some graduates may be employed as faculty members, the focus of the program is to prepare individuals for advanced roles in practice.

The first cohort of students will begin the DNP program in summer 2014. Each cohort will be limited to 25 students with one cohort admitted each year. This new degree program will require the addition of one

doctoral faculty member who will be DNP prepared, a new staff person to serve as program coordinator, and the employment of 1.33 FTE part-time faculty. The Department of Nursing has successfully offered the master's degree program online since 2006, and all graduate nursing faculty are experienced with online course development and teaching. Current library resources, physical space, equipment, and technology are sufficient to meet the needs of the proposed program.

#### **Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC)**

The following applications for certification may be reviewed by ADHE for possible consideration at the AHECB meeting in February 2013.

##### Argosy University, Orange, California

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Master of Science in Health Service Management  
Master of Public Health  
Doctor of Education in Pastoral Community Counseling  
Doctor of Education in Higher and Postsecondary Education  
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction  
Doctor of Education in Counseling Psychology

##### Arizona State University, Scottsdale, Arizona

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of Arts in History  
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Political Science  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Bachelor of Liberal Studies  
Bachelor of Science in Communication  
Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Bachelor of Science in Sociology  
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice  
Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

##### Boise State University, Boise, Idaho

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Completion  
RN-Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion  
Master of Educational Technology  
Doctor of Education in Educational Technology

##### Bryan College, Rogers, Arkansas

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Administration  
Associate of Applied Science in Information Systems Security

##### Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of Science with an option in Community Development  
Bachelor of Science in Administration  
Bachelor of Science in Integrated Leadership Studies  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology  
Master of Arts in Education Leadership  
Doctor of Health Administration

##### Colorado Technical University, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Initial Certification – Distance Technology

Associate of Science in Accounting  
Associate of Science in Business Administration  
Associate of Science in General Studies  
Associate of Science in Health Administration Services  
Bachelor of Science in Project Management  
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Everest University, Orlando, Florida

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Paralegal

Everest University, Pompano Beach, Florida

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Science in Accounting  
Associate of Science in Applied Management  
Associate of Science in Business  
Associate of Science in Computer Information Science  
Associate of Science in Criminal Justice  
Associate of Science in Medical Insurance Billing and Coding  
Associate of Science in Paralegal  
Bachelor of Science in Accounting  
Bachelor of Science in Applied Management  
Bachelor of Science in Business  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Science  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice  
Bachelor of Science in Paralegal  
Master of Science in Business  
Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Everest University, Tampa, Florida

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Science in Accounting  
Associate of Science in Applied Management  
Associate of Science in Business  
Associate of Science in Computer Information Science  
Associate of Science in Criminal Justice  
Associate of Science in Medical Insurance Billing and Coding  
Associate of Science in Paralegal  
Bachelor of Science in Accounting  
Bachelor of Science in Applied Management  
Bachelor of Science in Business  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Science  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice  
Bachelor of Science in Paralegal  
Master of Science in Business  
Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Franklin University, Columbus Ohio

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Auditing  
Bachelor of Science in Public Administration  
Bachelor of Science in Social Media Design  
Master of Business Administration  
Master of Science in Marketing & Communication

Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona  
Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Master of Science in Addiction Counseling  
Master of Science in Professional Counseling

Independence University, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Science in Respiratory Therapy  
Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care

Jones International University, Centennial, Colorado  
Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Arts in Business Administration  
Bachelor of Arts in Business Communication  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Graduate Certificate in Financial Management  
Graduate Certificate in Health Care Administration  
Graduate Certificate in Project Management

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia  
Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Arts in Education  
Associate of Arts in Psychology  
Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies  
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education in Interdisciplinary Studies  
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in Interdisciplinary Studies  
Bachelor of Science in Special Education in Interdisciplinary Studies  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology  
Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies  
Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics  
Master of Public Health  
Master of Arts in Public Policy  
Master of Arts in Teaching  
Master of Education  
Education Specialist  
Master of Science in Counseling (Marriage and Family)  
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Professional Counseling  
Doctor of Education

National American University, Rapid City, South Dakota  
Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology

National University, La Jolla, California  
Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration  
Master of Accounting  
Master of Business Administration  
Master of Arts in English  
Master of Arts in Human Behavior  
Master of Arts in Teaching  
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Master of Science in Project Management  
Master of Science in Leadership  
Master of Science in Applied Nutrition  
Doctor of Physical Therapy  
Doctor of Education

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Master of Science in Speech Language and Communication Disorders  
Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

New York Chiropractic College, Seneca Falls, New York

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Master of Science in Applied Clinical Nutrition  
Master of Science in Human Anatomy and Physiology

Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education  
Master of Business Administration  
Master of Education

Rasmussen College, Bloomington, Minnesota

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Applied Science in Pharmacy Tech  
Associate of Applied Science in Human Resources and Organizational Leadership  
Associate of Applied Science in Marketing  
Bachelor of Science in Public Accounting

Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Master of Arts in Arts Administration  
Master of Arts in Design Management  
Master of Arts in Graphic Design  
Master of Arts in Illustration  
Master of Arts in Illustration Design  
Master of Arts in Interactive Design and Game Development  
Master of Arts in Interior Design  
Master of Arts in Motion Media Design  
Master of Arts in Painting  
Master of Fine Arts in Interactive Design and Game Development

South University, Savannah, Georgia

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Associate of Science in Business Administration  
Associate of Science in Information Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

South University, Little Rock, Arkansas, Branch Campus

Initial Certification  
Associate of Science in Accounting  
Associate of Science in Criminal Justice  
Associate of Science in Information Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant  
Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Master of Public Health  
Master of Science in Information Systems Technology  
Master of Science in Leadership  
Master of Science in Nursing (RN to MSN)  
Doctor of Business Administration  
Doctor of Nursing Practice

Trident University International, Cypress, California

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science  
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences  
Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management  
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management  
Master of Arts in Education  
Master of Business Administration  
Master of Science in Health Administration  
Master of Science in Health Sciences  
Master of Science in Human Resource Management

University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of General Studies  
Bachelor of Health Science  
Master of Social Work  
Master of Science in Nursing  
Post- Master's Certificate in Nursing  
Master of Arts in Information Science & Learning Technologies with Library Science emphasis  
Executive Master of Business Administration  
Doctor of Nursing Practice

University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Master of Science in Criminal Justice

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Master of Public Administration

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering  
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Addiction Studies  
Master of Arts in Addiction Studies  
Master of Science in Administration

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Initial Certification – Distance Technology  
Master of Education

University of West Alabama, Livingston, Alabama

Initial Certification – Distance Technology

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development

Master of Education in Library Media

Master of Education in School Counseling

Master of Science in Continuing Education in College Student Development

Master of Science in Continuing Education in Guidance and Counseling

Master of Science in Continuing Education in Library Media

Western New Mexico University, Silver City, New Mexico

Initial Certification – Distance Technology

Master of Occupational Therapy

Western International University, Phoenix, Arizona

Initial Certification - Distance Technology

Master of Business Administration

Master of Science in Accounting