## NSHE University and State College Workforce Development Initiatives

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## Workforce Development at UNLV

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## UNLV Vision: Improving the lives of our diverse students and transforming our communities through education and engagement

- Workforce Development Strategic Plan:
  - Offer high-demand degree and certificate programs for the 21st century economy
  - Integrate workforce readiness into all academic programs
  - Promote active student participation in career planning through a lifecycle approach

#### High-Demand, 21st Century Programs

- Education
  - K-12, Educational Psychology, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, School Counseling
- Information, Communication, & Computer Technologies
  - Engineering, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Data Analytics,
     Application Development, AI & Machine Learning, Big Data
- Healthcare Services
  - Medical, Dental, Nursing Schools, Physical & Occupational Therapy,
     Public Health, Mental Health, Clinical Psychology, Counseling
- Transportation and Engineering
  - Engineering, Construction Management
- Hospitality, Management, and Financial Services
  - o Hospitality, Business, Finance, Accounting
- Creative Industries
  - Architecture, Entertainment Engineering, Fine & Performing Arts

#### **Every Degree Contributes: 5977**

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## Integration of Workforce Readiness into Academic Programs

- Adoption of career competencies into course learning outcomes
  - Communication
  - Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
  - Cultural Intelligence
  - Emotional Intelligence
  - Leadership
  - Professionalism
- Strategic alignment of high-demand micro-credentials and academic programs to meet workforce demand
- "Faculty Development for Career Readiness" training
- Career Services will soon move into the Academic Affairs division to improve curricular integration

## Student Agency: Career Development through a Lifecycle Approach

- Active student participation in paving their own career path from the start of their academic career
- Multimodal opportunities for growth and development of innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership skills
- Resources for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students:
  - Digital career toolkit
  - Life design badges
  - Career fairs
  - Handshake portal for internship and employment opportunities
  - Peer career coaching and professional mentoring
  - o Individual services for resumes, interviewing, LinkedIn profiles, etc.
  - Grad Academy to support professional development and progression to graduate programs

#### **Applied Experiences for Graduating Students**

# Real-world experience workforce Community partnerships for internships and employment pipelines

- College of Engineering semi-annual Senior Design Competition
- President's Innovation Challenge

• Examples:

#### **Career Outcomes and Economic Impact**

- Over 150,000 total degrees conferred
- Over two-thirds remain in Nevada and contribute to the state economy
- Employment data
  - 91% agreed that UNLV gave them the knowledge and skills needed for their careers
  - 72% of those entering a full-time job stated that it was related to their major
- Social mobility!
  - Top 15% of institutions for social mobility
  - UNLV degrees lead to meaningful employment and career pathways that change lives through upward social and economic mobility

## Thank you very much for your support.

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#### CAMPUS TO CAREERS

The University's workforce development: Creating jobs and Nevada's future



#### **CAMPUS TO CAREERS**

Accounting

Engineering

Business

Mining

Health

Agriculture

Arts

Environmental

Music

Sciences

Social Sciences

STEM

Nursing Social Work **Journalism** 

Education

**Natural Resource** 

Management

129 undergraduate programs

**137** graduate programs



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#### **STEM**

"We rely on University of Nevada, Reno graduates and the exceptional skills they bring to the project. We're grateful to have the University as a source for talent and teammates going forward."

#### Tim Crowley '92

VP, Government and Community Relations | Lithium Nevada Corp

"We currently have 12 University of Nevada, Reno Alumni on staff. All are engineers or scientists, some with MBAs from the University as well. We envision a long-lasting and expanding relationship with the University as we grow and further contribute to our local and national high-tech economy."

#### **Patrick Lowery**

VP, Advanced Technology | HORIBA Corporation





















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#### BIOTECHNOLOGY

"Charles River's long-standing partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno has been and will continue to be instrumental in the growth of our Reno site. Students are well prepared to enter the workforce and alumni have been very successful at Charles River."

**Rob Stachlewitz, Ph.D., DABT**Corporate Vice President | Charles River































































#### **EDUCATION AND HEALTH**

"We can count on our partnership with the College of Education & Human Development at the University to produce quality educators who are well-prepared for the K-12 classroom. Our partnership is an important factor in providing the world-class education our community and students deserve."

**Debra Biersdorff, Deputy Superintendent** Washoe County School District

"Renown shares a partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno that is older than our state itself. Today, Renown and the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine have created Nevada's first integrated health system ... expanding patient care, research and medical education to improve the health of everyone in Nevada."

> **Leadership Team** Renown Health

> > **U.S. Department**

of Veterans Affairs



































Veterans Health

Administration





























#### **BUSINESS AND JOURNALISM**

"The work that the University of Nevada, Reno has done in the field of gaming has helped the gaming industry in a multitude of ways. In providing an academic foundation as well gaming-related research and policy, the University's contributions have helped make gaming the formidable modern economic force that it is today."

#### Sandra Douglass Morgan '99

Former Nevada Gaming Control Board Chair; Board of Directors, Caesars Entertainment.

























The Washington Post



## WORKFORCE OUTCOMES

#### 2021 Academic Year

**1,092** Graduate degrees conferred to students enhancing the workforce

**3,730** Undergraduate degrees conferred to students joining the workforce

**90%** of graduates are employed, in the military or grad school within a year after graduating

**82%** of graduates surveyed reported a positive career path after the first year of graduation

**72%** of graduates joined the Nevada workforce







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#### **Workforce Development**

Overview



#### Workforce Development at Nevada State

- □ Supports our mission to "open doors to **career success** and an enhanced quality of life for a diverse population of students" and contribute to "**a better future for all of Nevada**."
- □ Recognizes that for different students and different career interests there should be **multiple** paths to success.

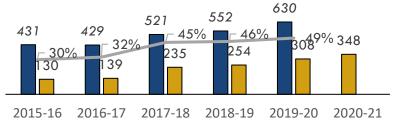
We strive to ensure student success

– and the fulfillment of workforce
needs – by relying on employer
engagement and industry data to
choose programs and shape the
curriculum.



□ College founded to address **critical areas of need.** 



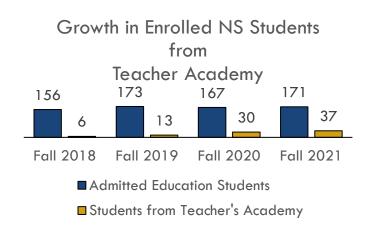


■ NSHE ■ Nevada State College

<sup>\*</sup>Percent of total NSHE bachelor's in nursing produced by Nevada State College



□ College founded to address **critical areas of need.** 









#### Recent Developments

Our commitment to workforce development extends to the creation of new programs.

Our newest program offering – **Data Science** – was strongly influenced by employer demand for people with this skill set.





Workforce needs were the principal driver behind the founding of our **first ever master's degree**, in Speech Language Pathology.

In-demand knowledge and skills also shaped a **major revision** to our Business program, yielding concentrations such as Sports Management.





#### Looking Ahead

A New Division

Our new Workforce Development Division responds to the idea that many individuals and industries warrant a **different path to** career preparation.

These programs will deliver career-driven knowledge and skills in **flexible and accelerated formats** that lead to a meaningful – and stackable – credential of achievement.

Guided by principles of access, equity, and inclusion, the programs in this division focus on individuals who may not be well-positioned to pursue a traditional academic degree.

**Agile and short-form learning delivery** will allow students to quickly advance in their current occupations or transition to an entirely new career opportunity.



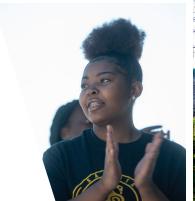
#### **Future Programming**

The inaugural program for the new division is a **Leadership Academy** that offers two tracks: the *Leadership Bootcamp* and *Executive Leadership*.

Leadership Bootcamp: 3-month program that emphasizes **fundamental leadership skills** across a variety of career paths.

Executive Leadership: Advanced 3-month program for **more experienced leaders** that helps individuals function at a high level in a post-pandemic environment.

Workforce also will continue to inform other programming, including a **Chemistry degree** that targets key industries and graduate-level proposals for a **Master's of Science in Nursing Administration** and an Education Specialist degree in School Psychology.







### Questions?