



Bachelor of Applied Science

Program Rationale

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Bachelor of Applied Science Program is to provide a quality and affordable four-year degree to residents of central and northeastern Nevada. This degree is particularly suited to accommodate working adults whose schedule may be limited due to work and time constraints.

ALLOWS GREATER ACCESS

The program is designed for students who have previously completed an associate's degree at an accredited college or university. There are currently two emphases: Management in Technology and Instrumentation. Both of these are particularly attractive to employers of the region's mining industry and provide an avenue of continuing education for all persons with work experience to complete a baccalaureate degree at Great Basin College—the only higher education institution within a 200 plus mile radius of Elko.

MEETS EMPLOYER DEMAND

The program is intended to build on the students' associate degree curricula, work experience, and maturity, providing them with communication and problem solving skills, management and organizational theories and practice, technical and mathematical competencies, and a broad, liberal arts view of the world and the workplace. This training will prepare students for employment in demanding management positions of many career fields, particularly, the electrical/instrumentation area, if they select that emphasis. The emphasis in the curriculum on the values of lifelong learning and positive human relation skills will be especially beneficial to graduates of this program.

IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

This program allows students with two year degrees to obtain a baccalaureate degree at Great Basin College. Graduates can then pursue a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Nevada, Reno which is also offered on the GBC campus. This collaboration allows students to continue their education from high school through the graduate level without leaving Elko.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Bachelor of Applied Science is to fulfill and to extend the mission and philosophy of Great Basin College by providing a distinctive baccalaureate degree that builds upon the technical skills and knowledge acquired in attaining an Associate of Applied Science and, in particular cases, an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree. In this endeavor, the program is designed to instill abilities and qualities of competence, personal communication, management, and decision-making within a broader context than a single vocation. The program will build on the individual's current vocational abilities and provide additional managerial skills within a specific field of emphasis. Those completing the program should then be prepared to competently and efficiently engage their chosen vocational field as either highly trained technicians or effective managers.