

Non-Traditional No More

Nevada System of Higher Education

Southern Institutions

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THE FIREFIGHTERS' PROJECT

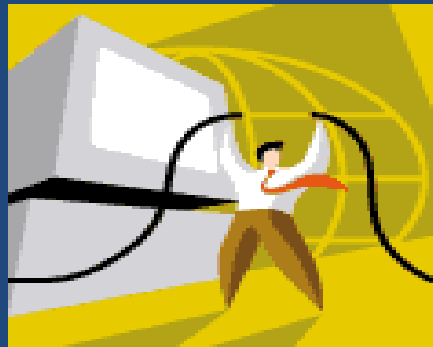
WHAT A DIFFERENCE A
YEAR MAKES

CITY OF LAS VEGAS FIREFIGHTERS

- Degree for advancement
- Asynchronous schedules
- Credit for Work Experience
 - Credit for Certifications
- Need for clear-cut connections

Goals

- Identify Degrees at CSN, NSC and UNLV
- Engage Enrollment Services
- Connect with Academic Advisors
- Establish on-campus visits
- Connect with new Fire College
- Inform/Develop Re-entry Concierge



Higher-level barriers anticipated

- Basic Math and English
- Credit for Certificates
- Credit earned more than six years before application
- Consistent course offerings on convenient schedules
- Credit for work experience
- Course Delivery

Profile

- 24 Firefighters, including Executives
- 9 Enrolled in six degree programs
- Averaged three visits on campuses to Dean, Provost, Assoc. Provosts and Advisors
- Integrated Studies
- Human Resources
- Communication Studies
- Workforce Education
- Emergency Management
- Criminal Justice

Plans for Sustainability

- “Don’t Wait—Graduate” campaign
- RE-ENTRY CONCIERGE
- Contact & Referral person for nontraditional students established
- Concierge is a member of the Academic Advising Infrastructures
- Concierge is a member of the Nontraditional Student Commission (UNLV)

Sustainable Re-entry Concierge

- Nontraditional Orientation Program each Fall (evening program)
- Publication of a nontraditional Rebel Ready Guide completed and distributed throughout campus (UNLV)
- Dedicated Nontraditional web site

Expansion

- Student Organization started for nontraditional students
- Peer Academic Mentoring underway and growing
- Postcard for NTNM students drafted for summer mailing (waiting for Focus Report with addresses)*
- ASC brochure promotes role of Concierge
- Mailing to UNLV NTNM population promotes contact and role of Concierge

Enrollment Services 'nontraditional student' included on the admissions form

DON'T WAIT...GRADUATE!



Expansion

- Train Peer Mentors
- Transitional support—Ready Adult Learners
- Public Sector Workers (Police, Fire, State, County, etc)
- Ready Adult Learner Community Task Force

