



# **NEW ECONOMY INITIATIVE: COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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### Flagstaff Mountain

#### Campus

- Dean's Office
- Student Service Center
- Lumberjack CARE Center

North Valley Campus

Yuma Campus

Tucson Campus



### ★ Phoenix Bioscience Core

- Athletic Training
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant Studies

# ROADMAP AND NEI

- **Elevating Excellence: NAU Strategic Roadmap**
  - NAU aims to be the nation's preeminent engine of opportunity, vehicle of economic mobility, and driver of social impact by delivering equitable postsecondary value in Arizona and beyond
- **New Economy Initiative:**
  - \$22 million
  - increase educational access and advance Arizona's future healthcare and behavioral health workforce

# NAU's Statewide Impact from NEI

NAU's investment will support  
**6,839 JOBS**  
by year 10 and  
**18,937 JOBS**  
by year 20.

A total of  
**\$129.4B IN  
ECONOMIC OUTPUT**  
will be generated by NAU  
over the 20-year period.

Over 20 years, approximately  
**\$60B IN  
LABOR INCOME**  
will be created for the total jobs  
that are supported by NAU.

NAU's \$22M investment  
will generate a total of  
**\$1.3B IN TAX REVENUES**  
over the 20-year  
investment timeframe.

Source: Rounds Consulting Group, Inc.

# CHHS PROGRAMS

- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Dental Hygiene
- Health Sciences
- Occupational Therapy
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy & Athletic Training
- Physician Assistant

# EXPANSION

## **Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD)**

NAU Yuma: M.S. in Clinical Speech-Language Pathology

- Accredited July 2022
- ~20 students starting June 2023

NEW: Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Practice in Speech-Language Pathology

- Curriculum and clinical rotations
- Provide clinical supervision, instruction, and consultation in the area of bilingual and culturally and linguistically responsive practice

# EXPANSION, CONT.

## Nursing

- **NEW: MSN** Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) **Emphasis, Fall 2023**
- **Two Accelerated BSNs**
  - ABSN 12-month year-round enrollment (North Valley)
  - CBSN 16-month (Flagstaff, Tucson, Yuma)

## Occupational Therapy

- **NEW:** Weekend Program

# EXPANSION

## Physical Therapy

- **EXISTING**: Increasing residential cohort at PBC and Flagstaff
- **NEW**: Hybrid DPT Program – Competency Based Education Model January 2024

## PA Studies

- Doctor of Medical Science degree for PAs (DMSc)
  - 24-credit online post professional doctorate
  - Launching Spring 2024



# INFRASTRUCTURE/SYSTEMS

- Center for Health Equity Research
- Adjusting High School Core Requirements
- Access2Excellence: \$65K & less = free tuition
- A++ Arizona Attainment Alliance
- Clinical Placement Personnel
- 100% Career Ready
- Pathways:
  - Certificates, Associates, Bachelors, Graduate
- Rural and Indigenous Health Programs and Fellowships:
  - Building capacity in rural areas
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An aerial photograph of the Northern Arizona University campus. The foreground shows several large, modern buildings with brick and orange facades. The middle ground is filled with more campus buildings and green spaces. In the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees leads to a range of mountains, with the highest peaks covered in snow. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting. The overall tone is serene and professional.

THANK  
YOU!

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