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### **University of Southern Nevada's College of Pharmacy Joins Professional Student Exchange Program** *Program Provides Reduced Tuition for Students Pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy*

**(Henderson, Nev.)** – The University of Southern Nevada's College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce it has joined the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's (WICHE) Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) as a cooperating school.

The PSEP allows students to pursue an academic degree at a cooperating institution of their choice, if the degree program is not offered at any college or university in their home state. Financial aid in the form of a "support fee," is paid by the student's home state to defray the cost of tuition. With University of Southern Nevada's College of Pharmacy as part of the PSEP program, students from Alaska, Hawaii and Nevada may pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy at the college at a reduced cost.

The University of Southern Nevada, College of Pharmacy will begin accepting applications from PSEP students in January 2008 for the 2008-2009 academic year.

"We're honored to be a part of a program which makes it more financially accessible to aspiring pharmacists to earn a doctoral degree in pharmacy," said Dr. Harry Rosenberg, president and founder of the University of Southern Nevada. "USN has established itself as a leader in pharmacy education with many out-of-state students eager to take advantage of our innovative block curriculum."

The WICHE program has been providing support to health professions for more than 50 years. It gives students in 12 Western states the ability to receive an education in a variety of health-related degrees not offered in their home states. The program includes: dentistry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, optometry, veterinary medicine and pharmacy.

In the 2006-2007 academic year, almost 750 students attended health care programs at reduced tuition. More than 14,000 students have earned a professional degree since the program's start in 1951.

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“The PSEP program will give students the opportunity to earn a high-quality education in pharmacy at a reduced cost,” said Dr. Renee Coffman, dean of the College of Pharmacy at USN. “We’re excited about the diverse experiences the out-of-state students will bring to the University of Southern Nevada. We’re also very pleased that Nevada residents will be able to take advantage of the tuition assistance this program offers.”

For more information on the PSEP program, visit <http://wiche.edu/sep/psep>.

Founded in 1999, the University of Southern Nevada is a private, non-profit higher learning institution with campuses located in Henderson, Nev. and South Jordan, Utah. The university offers high-quality degree programs in the area of health sciences, including Doctor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science in Nursing as well as a Master of Business Administration degree program. The University of Southern Nevada is licensed to operate by the Nevada Commission on Post Secondary Education and is accredited by the Accrediting Council on Pharmaceutical Education. For information call 702-990-4433 or visit [www.usn.edu](http://www.usn.edu).

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