

## F10: Roles and Functions of UNM Branch Community Colleges

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Responsible Faculty Committee: [Policy Committee](#)

Office Responsible for Administration: [Office of the Provost](#)

Revisions to the Policy Rationale, Policy Statement, and Applicability sections of this document must be approved by the full Faculty Senate

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### POLICY RATIONALE

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Branch community colleges play important roles and functions within the University of New Mexico (UNM) system by responding to the unique needs of their communities. This Policy document describes authorized branch community college roles and functions.

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### POLICY STATEMENT

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As provided by New Mexico Statute (21-14-1), UNM has established branch community colleges to serve the citizens of New Mexico more fully and to provide the highest quality of education throughout the state for students in different locations pursuing postsecondary education. Branch community colleges respond specifically to the unique needs and multicultural background of the citizens in their respective communities by offering Associate Degree programs (transfer programs that prepare students for upper division entry into colleges and universities), certificates (career technical education pathways), workforce credential preparation, and community education programs.

Branch community colleges utilize resources in the community and therefore also function as an integral part of the community. The branch community colleges ~~campuses~~ of UNM are considered fully integrated component colleges, and they are committed to serving the needs of their respective communities in the manner of a comprehensive community college, offering a variety of academic, career, and community service programs. The branch community colleges commit themselves to protect the quality and integrity of all academic curricula. ~~and the main campus commits its resources, whenever appropriate and practical, to the fulfillment of the varied missions of the branches.~~

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### APPLICABILITY

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All UNM academic faculty, staff, and administrators.

Revisions to the remaining sections of this document may be amended with the approval of the Faculty Senate Policy and Operations Committees in consultation with the responsible Faculty Senate Committee listed in Policy Heading.

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## DEFINITIONS

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No specific definitions are required for the Policy Statement.

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## WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

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- Faculty and academic staff
- Department Chairs, academic deans and other academic administrators and executives

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## RELATED DOCUMENTS

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*UNM Regents' Policy Manual* **Policy 2.14** "Branch Colleges and Off-Campus Education Centers"  
New Mexico Statute NMSA Chapter 21, Article 14, 21-14-1

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## CONTACTS

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Direct any questions about this policy to the Office of the Provost or Chancellor for Health Sciences.

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## PROCEDURES

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No specific procedures required at this time.

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## DRAFT HISTORY

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October 5, 2017 – minor correction to title

February 28, 2017 – Incorporated final changes based on feedback from the task force on faculty at the branch campuses.

November 10, 2016 – Incorporate changes based on feedback from the faculty at the branch campuses and from the Section F task force.

September 26, 2016 – Prepare revised draft to reflect changes requested by the Section F taskforce and move from information item to Policy document.

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## HISTORY

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Information item in Faculty Handbook.

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