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Two New Colleges to Launch at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences

Yakima, Wash. -- Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (PNWU) announced today that its board of trustees has approved the creation of two additional colleges at the new university.

“On behalf of the board of trustees and administration I am pleased to announce that Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences will pursue the creation of two additional colleges,” said Stanley Flemming, D.O., M.A., president of the university. “The long range vision for the university includes multiple colleges, offering degrees and training in a variety of health sciences regimens, each based on the needs of rural communities in the northwest. We are pleased to begin this next step in the development of the university, significantly ahead of the anticipated schedule.”

“The College of Osteopathic Medicine has been highly successful in attracting the brightest and best students, and we have already received more than 1,000 applications for the 2009 class,” said Flemming. “PNWU is pursuing new health sciences programs to meet allied health manpower needs in rural and underserved areas of the Pacific Northwest and the Army Reserves. These programs will augment and compliment the existing College of Osteopathic Medicine.”

“The approval by the board of trustees begins the preliminary phase of building infrastructure and planning for the colleges. The next steps will be to identify and put into place leadership and to establish collaborative relationships with neighboring colleges and programs,” said Flemming.

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The university will also concurrently pursue accreditation of the *College of Allied Health Sciences* and the *College of Biomedical Sciences*. University leaders have conducted a thorough feasibility study which identified these two colleges as being the next most significant and important areas in meeting the needs of the northwest. The feasibility included research and interviews with healthcare providers, hospitals, the Department of Defense, and other institutions.

The top priority degrees to be pursued in the two colleges include:

- Doctorate Clinical Psychology (Psy-D)
- Master of social work (MSW)
- Physician Assistant (M-PA)

“We are looking at collaboration to build these programs with surrounding universities, to augment and compliment existing programs,” said Dr. Flemming. “We believe the highest and best service to the region is to build on existing programs and offer programs in a collaborative network. We continue to work on building new programs which have the highest needs in the communities.”

“We are pleased to be launching the next phase in our development and we’ll do so with the same intensity, excitement and passion that we did for the medical school,” said president Flemming.

NEW COLLEGES AND POTENTIAL NEW PROGRAMS AT PNWU

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

- Doctorate Level
 - Physical Therapy (D-PT)
 - Occupational Therapy (D-OT)
 - Clinical Psychology (Psy-D)
- Masters Level
 - Public Health (MPH)
 - Physician Assistant (M-PA)
 - Clinical/Counseling Psychology (MS)
 - Social Work (MSW)

COLLEGE OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Masters Level
 - Biomedical Science (MSBMS)
Pathway for disadvantaged or late blooming students
 - Medical school
 - Research
- Doctorate Level
 - Anatomy – PhD