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## *Northern Arizona University expanding bachelor's degree programs at Mesa Community College*



Northern Arizona University is adding three new bachelor's degree programs at the Southern and Dobson campus of Mesa Community College. The new programs, Strategic Leadership, Applied Human Behavior, and Industrial Leadership, are designed to meet the workforce needs of businesses in Mesa and the surrounding region.

The new programs will be offered in a 90/30 format, which means students can complete up to 90 credit hours at Mesa Community College, then complete the remaining 30 hours by taking NAU classes on the MCC campus.

"NAU is committed to ensuring that a college education is accessible to everyone by serving students when and where they need us. Our efforts resulted in over 8,000 students taking classes from NAU on community campuses and online this last spring," NAU President Rita Hartung Cheng said. "Increasing our 90/30 program offerings at Mesa Community College allows us to expand affordable options for our students and meet the workforce needs of our communities."

"Mesa Community College is very excited to partner with NAU in offering these degrees," Sasan Pouretezadi, interim president at Mesa Community College, said. "It is another example of Northern Arizona University and the Maricopa Community College District collaborating to offer educational opportunities more efficiently and at lower costs."

The new programs will add to existing bachelor's degree programs in Elementary Education and the RN to BSN concurrent enrollment program offered by NAU and MCC. For more information about NAU's programs in Mesa, contact Josh Schwalbach, Student Service Coordinator for NAU, who is located on the Mesa Community College campus at Southern and Dobson, at (480) 461-7984 or [mesa@nau.edu](mailto:mesa@nau.edu).