

New Mexico State University – Alamogordo Student Life and Academic Success Plan for

PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

Planning for the future is key to success. Two things are important in life planning: knowing what we want and knowing how to get there. It is similar to planning a vacation. It makes sense that we decide where we want to go, and that we look at a map to help us get there. Otherwise we might not go on vacation at all, or drive around aimlessly, wasting precious time as we hope to find a vacation destination we can enjoy.

Using this plan as a guideline can help with life planning. This plan will inspire you to begin thinking about your long term life goals and what you will need to do to get there. Since your education is an important part of reaching your life goals, the plan also includes an academic planning section. Knowing what degree or certificate you'll need to achieve your life goals, and which classes you'll need to take, will help you to stay focused on your goals. Remember, success only comes with follow through!

Use this section to formulate long term goals. Make one educational goal and one life goal or two educational goals. Ask yourself, *“What do I envision for myself three to four years from now?”*

At this time, my two (2) most important long term goals are:

Goal 1:

This goal is important to me because

Goal 2:

This goal is important to me because

Use this section to formulate short term goals in order to achieve your long term goals. Ask yourself, “What will I need to do in order to get to where I would like to be in three or four years from now?”

The short term goals that will help me to attain my first long term goal are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The short term goals that will help me to attain my second long term goal are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Use this section to reflect on those characteristics that you have and things that you already do that will help you reach your goals, things that will hold you back from achieving your goals, and what changes you will need to make in order to achieve your goals.

The characteristics that I have and things that I already do (my strengths) that will help me to achieve my goals and make my dreams come true are:

The characteristics that I have and things that I do that might hold me back from achieving my goals are:

I will need to make the following changes in order to achieve my goals:

ACADEMIC PLANNING FOR NEXT SEMESTER

The degree program that I am most interested in at this time is:

Course availability is dependent on meeting with an advisor early in the process in order to remove the freshman hold and to allow for early registration.

After reviewing a copy of the degree plan requirements with my advisor, I plan to take the following courses next semester:

Course 1 _____

Course 2 _____

Course 3 _____

Course 4 _____

Course 5 _____

The strengths I have that will help me to be successful in my classes include:

Areas I need to work on in order to be successful in my classes include:

I can prepare to meet these challenges by doing the following things:

The following are campus resources that will be helpful to me: