

EXTENDED STUDIES MISSION

WE EXTEND HIGHER EDUCATION BEYOND TRADITIONAL BOUNDARIES.

Experts at connecting with external and nontraditional audiences, we conduct educational outreach and partner with the University's academic areas to develop programs that address the diverse academic, professional development, and personal enrichment needs of the metropolitan area, Idaho and beyond.

OUR CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS

- Education is empowering, and we embrace the State Board of Education's charge to ensure access and opportunities for individuals to continue their education regardless of their location, age, and job responsibilities.
- Through dynamic partnerships we span boundaries, extending university programs to new locations and audiences as well as introducing innovative practices, business models and technologies to campus.
- We uphold the University's Shared Values (academic excellence, caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness) as well as those principles vital to educational outreach - being enterprising, responsive and agile.

OUR CORE COMPETENCIES

- Connecting to external and nontraditional audiences
- Online education
- Professional development
- Lifelong learning programs
- Applying innovative practices, business models, and technologies

OUR PROGRAMS

- eCampus (online courses and online degrees)
- Boise State Flex (evening and weekend degree programs statewide)
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- Center for Professional Development
- Concurrent Enrollment at High Schools
- Summer Sessions
- Boise State Public Radio



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PRIORITIES FY2018-23

To move forward as a Division and advance important initiatives, we identify the following broad priorities to pursue between FY2018-23. Each area within Extended Studies will annually develop specific action plans with metrics and timelines to advance these priorities.

EXTEND ACCESS TO THE UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Grow the options that provide alternative access to the university's degrees and certificates and increase the number of people they serve.
- Improve student success and completion.

SPAN BOUNDARIES THROUGH EXEMPLARY PARTNERSHIPS

- Be the expert partner of the University's academic areas for understanding external and nontraditional audiences and then developing and delivering their online, extended and lifelong learning offerings.
- Incorporate innovative practices and leverage technology in our program development and delivery. Facilitate entrepreneurial and incentive-based models that advance sustainable, quality programming; be adept at leveraging the full range of university funding models as well as external grant and contract possibilities.
- Provide support for the unique needs and services required for external and nontraditional programming, from targeted marketing to online development to specialized student support. Avoid duplication of effort with other university offices through collaboration and coordination.
- Ensure successful implementation of partnerships by carefully aligning goals and metrics. Clarify roles, instill accountability, and build mutual respect.

DELIVER A CONTINUUM OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT KEEPS PEOPLE CONNECTED TO THE UNIVERSITY THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFETIME

- Be known as the university entity that develops and delivers quality credit and noncredit programs that serve people at all stages of life: concurrent enrollment at high schools, degree-completion options, continuing education and professional development offerings, Boise State Public Radio, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.
- Develop lifelong relationships with learners and help them flow in and out of different educational opportunities as their lives and circumstances evolve.

POSITION OUR EMPLOYEES FOR SUCCESS

- Develop intentional plans and activities aimed at the recruitment, development and support of talented employees.
- Organize the Division to maximize expertise, improve support and reduce duplication. Create support functions that span programs.