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## **Dr. Marlene Luna Appointed Assistant Dean of University of Southern Nevada College of Nursing**

**(Henderson, Nev.)** – Dr. Mable Smith, RN, J.D., Ph.D., dean of the University of Southern Nevada College of Nursing recently appointed Dr. Marlene Luna, BSN, MSN, Ed. D., as assistant dean and professor of nursing.

A native of Texas, Luna most recently served as dean of Health and Sciences at Laredo Community College. At the USN College of Nursing her primary responsibilities include managing day to day program operations; leading in the development of new and enhanced program offerings; developing and expanding learning opportunities for students; promoting faculty development inclusive of research, practice and service; implementing university and program academic policies; teaching; and addressing the needs of students, faculty and staff.

“Dr. Luna brings 22 years of nursing educational experience to USN. She has developed and taught courses in medical/surgical, intensive care and operating room and principles of management in nursing,” said Dr. Smith. “She will be a valuable member of the College of Nursing as we continue to expand our enrollment.”

Dr. Luna graduated with honors and was voted *Most Likely to Succeed* by her class The Jefferson Davis Hospital School of Nursing in Houston. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and her Master of Science in Nursing from Texas Woman’s University and her Doctor in Education from the University of Houston. She was also appointed to the Governor’s Commission for Women in 1999 by then Texas Governor George Bush.

*Founded in 1999, the University of Southern Nevada is a private, non-profit 501 (c) (3) higher learning institution with campuses located in Henderson, Nev. and South Jordan, Utah. The university offers high-quality degree programs in the area of health sciences, including a Doctor of Pharmacy and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing as well as a Master of Business Administration degree program. The University of Southern Nevada is licensed to operate by the Nevada Commission on Post Secondary Education. For information call 702-990-4433 or visit [www.usn.edu](http://www.usn.edu).*

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