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USN College of Pharmacy June 2007 Graduates Exceed National Pass-rate For Board Exam

- Graduates among the top scorers in the country -

HENDERSON, Nev. – Oct. 3, 2007 – The University of Southern Nevada (USN) College of Pharmacy is proud to announce that 99 percent of its June 2007 graduates that sat for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) passed, exceeding the national average pass rate of 97 percent for first time takers.

“A 99 percent pass-rate is a tremendous accomplishment for our graduates,” said Renee Coffman B.S. Pharm, Ph.D., dean of the College of Pharmacy. “It shows that our curriculum continues to produce highly skilled and fully prepared pharmacists to meet the needs of Nevada and the surrounding regions.”

Coffman also noted that results from the NAPLEX revealed that 26 percent of USN graduates scored in the upper 95th percentile nationwide. Eleven percent scored in the upper 99th percentile. “Many of our outstanding graduates scored among the best in the entire country,” she said. “This is a remarkable achievement.”

The NAPLEX is the nationalized board exam developed and administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). All U.S. pharmacy school graduates must pass the exam in order to become licensed as pharmacists in their respective states.

Since 2003, the University of Southern Nevada, College of Pharmacy has awarded Doctor of Pharmacy degrees to 455 graduates. According to data compiled in 2006, the latest available, 72 percent of the college’s graduates were licensed pharmacist in Nevada.

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 Doctor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science in Nursing as well as a Master of Business Administration degree program. The University of Southern Nevada’s Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accrediting Council on Pharmaceutical Education. For information call 702-990-4433 or visit www.usn.edu.

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