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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Since 1996, the UNM College of Pharmacy's nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program has provided an opportunity for New Mexico pharmacists and alumni from the College of Pharmacy with a B.S. in Pharmacy to earn a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. The nontraditional program has graduated 78 students, with several more currently making good progress toward graduation. Enrollment in the nontraditional program has been limited to the pharmacists who mean so much to the College—its graduates and pharmacists practicing in New Mexico. As indicated by the declining enrollment in the nontraditional Pharm.D. program, the educational needs of these pharmacists have largely been met. As with similar programs at other colleges of pharmacy, UNM's nontraditional Pharm.D. program was never intended to be a permanent part of the College's educational offerings. We have regularly reviewed the enrollment and progression statistics to determine the appropriate time to bring this method of delivery of the Pharm.D. curriculum to a close. That time has come. It is with pride that the UNM College of Pharmacy announces that the nontraditional Pharm.D. program has accomplished its goals and that new student enrollment will be closed on June 10, 2005. Those interested in participating in the program are encouraged to apply and begin as soon as possible. Students already in the nontraditional program will continue to be supported for the duration of their program of study.

The College of Pharmacy recognizes there are pharmacists who might not find this to be the ideal time for pursuing a nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy degree. However, there are alternatives to UNM's College of Pharmacy for pursuing a nontraditional Pharm.D., through other universities. We are prepared to assist interested pharmacists in identifying remaining nontraditional Pharm.D. Programs that might fit their needs.

Thank you to all the pharmacists, students, faculty, and community members who have contributed to the success of the nontraditional Pharm.D. program.

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