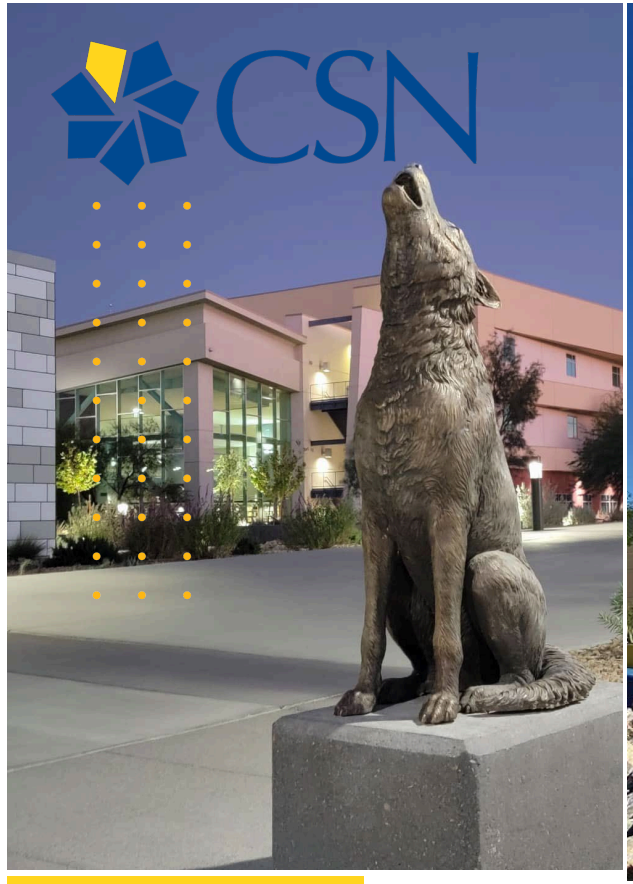



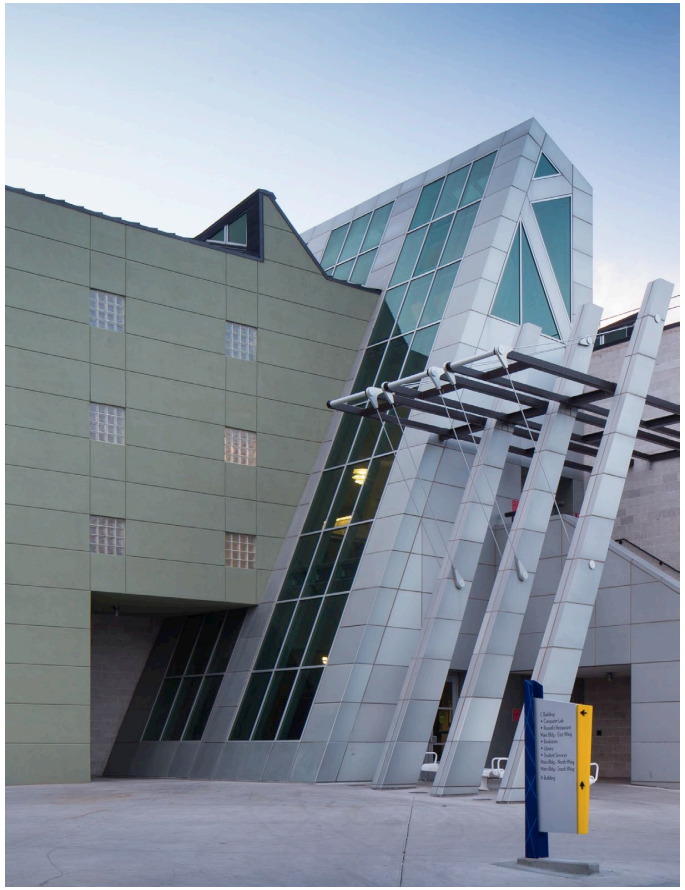

CSN Dental Science Programs

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CSN Dental Sciences | Preparing Nevada's Workforce

Dental Assisting & Dental Hygiene Programs

Accredited education • Clinical partnerships • Student success • Workforce

Two pathways, One Workforce Mission

DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

Three-semester program

Two entry cohorts each year

16-seat maximum per incoming cohort

DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

Clinical education and patient care

Class of 2027: 16 students

Class of 2028: 17 students

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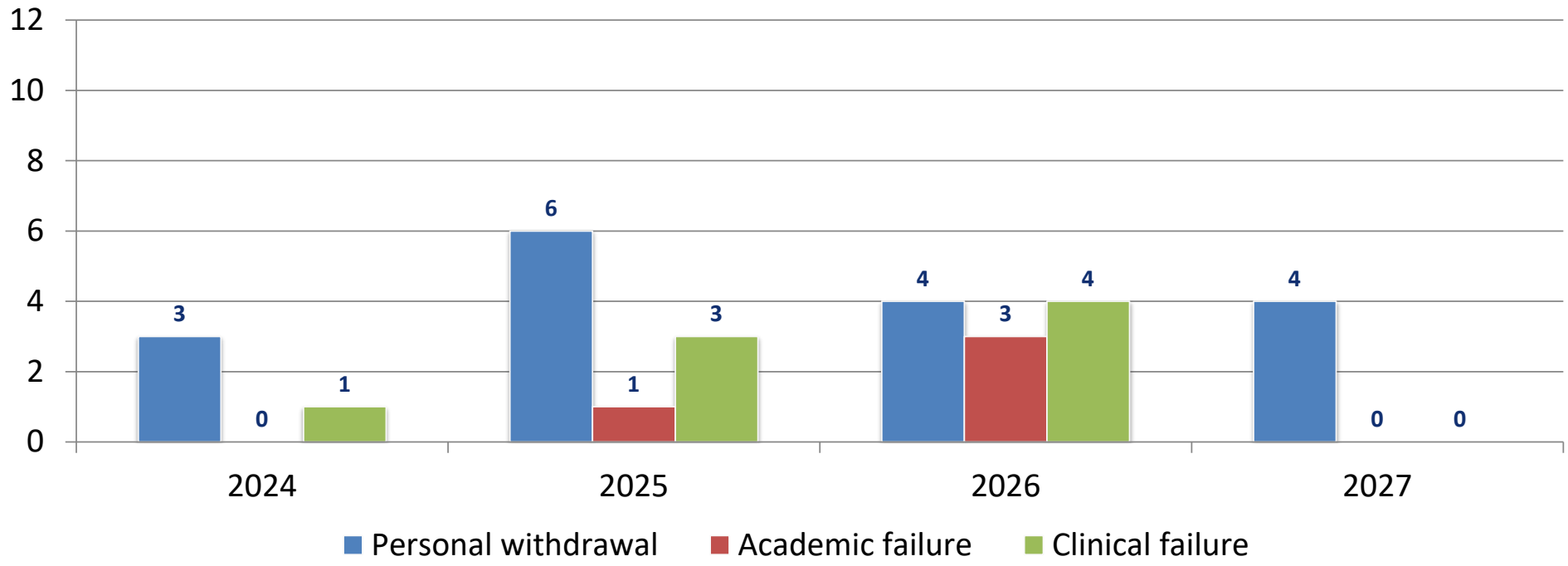
Dental Hygiene | Student Attrition



Class of 2028 not included: outcomes not yet available. Source: Dental Hygiene NSHE materials.

Dental Hygiene | Graduate Success

CLINICAL LICENSURE

- ADEX clinical licensure examination
- 100% pass rate reported

EMPLOYMENT

- 100% employment within three months of graduation reported

Dental Hygiene | Community Partnerships

FLORENCE McCLURE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Dental Hygiene partnership supporting community engagement and oral-health access.

FUTURE SMILES

Community partnership supporting oral-health outreach and preventive care.

UNLV SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Academic and clinical partnership supporting dental hygiene education and interprofessional collaboration.

Dental Hygiene | Expansion Vision

GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

- Explore increasing class size from 20 to 30
- Consider satellite programming
- Expand restorative curriculum as permitted

CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS

- State funding and facilities
- Qualified faculty and competitive salaries
- Patient base and clinical capacity

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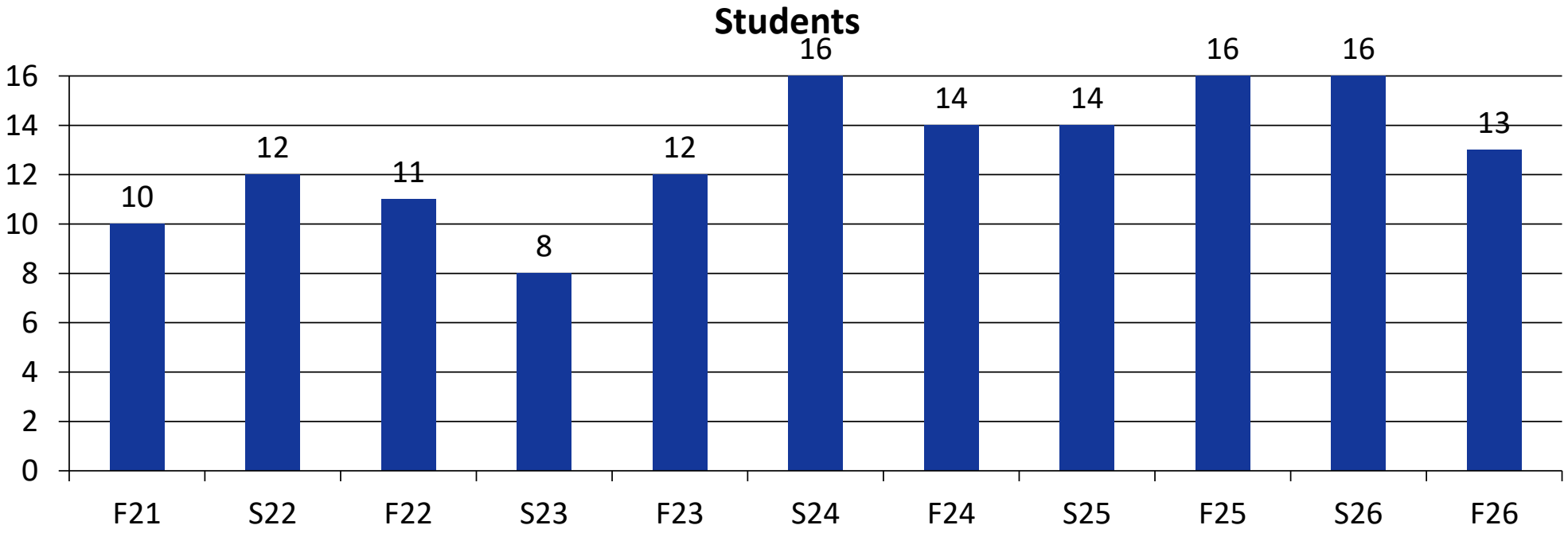
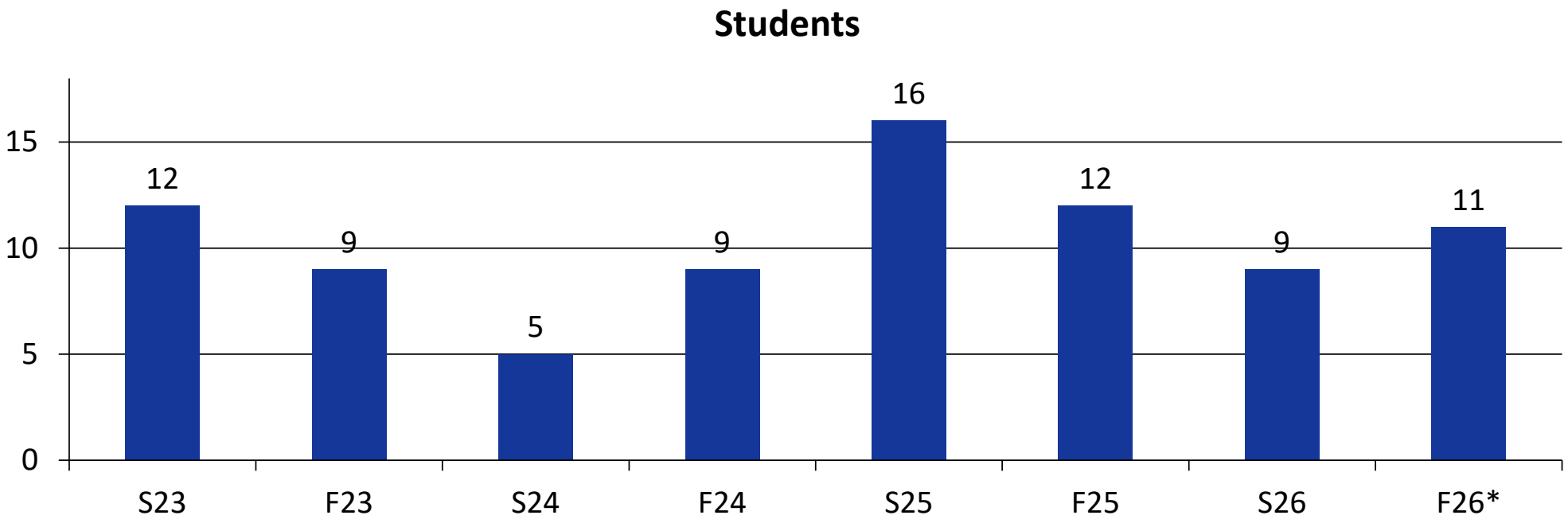
Dental Assisting | Incoming Cohort Enrollment



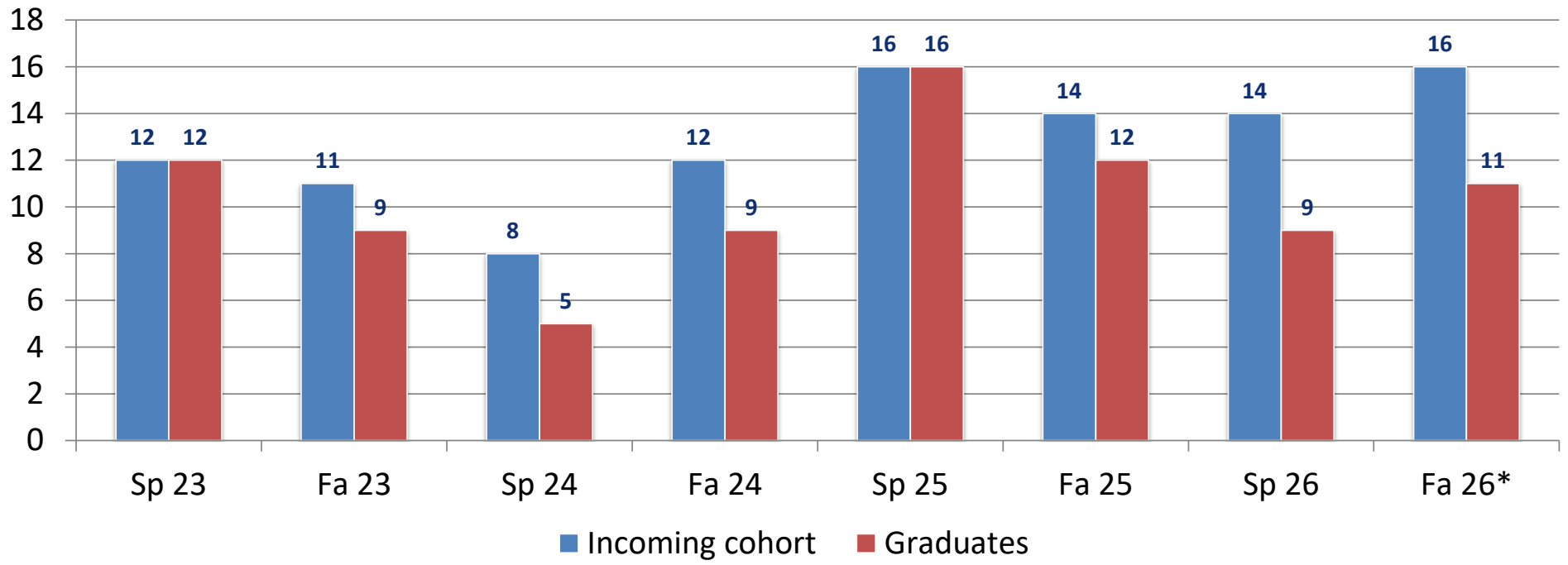
Capacity: 16 students per incoming cohort • Fall 2026: 13 students (12 full-time, 1 part-time)

Dental Assisting | Graduates by Semester



*** Fall 2026: 11 anticipated graduates; all other figures are reported graduates.**

Dental Assisting | Incoming Cohorts vs. Graduates



Graduates are grouped by completion term; incoming students are aligned to their expected graduation term. Fall 2026 graduates anticipated.

Dental Assisting | Accreditation and Outcomes

CODA ACCREDITED

- Commission on Dental Accreditation
- 2023 site visit successfully completed
- Ongoing quality and outcomes assessment are strong

PUBLISHED HISTORICAL OUTCOMES

- 84% graduation rate
- 100% employment among graduates seeking work

Dental Assisting | Clinical Affiliations

PRIVATE PRACTICE + SPECIALTIES

General and specialty dental practices across the Las Vegas Valley

UNLV SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Academic dental clinics and interdisciplinary experiences

DENTAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

DSO-affiliated offices and practice workflows

COMMUNITY / NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Community service settings and nonprofit partners

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Dental Assisting | Nevada Pay and Advancement

NEVADA DENTAL ASSISTANT PAY

- $22.65 median hourly wage
- $47,110 median annual wage
- 2025 statewide estimate; not EFDA-specific

EFDA OPPORTUNITY

- Proposed skills certificate
- Exploring employer demand and willingness to pay for advanced skills
- No Nevada EFDA wage premium assumed

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Expanded Function Dental Assistant | Next Steps

1. DISCOVERY

Clarify Nevada Board requirements

Benchmark other states

Survey employer demand

2. READINESS

Confirm faculty resources, space, operatories, sites, equipment and budget

3. DECISION

Develop a feasible skills certificate

Update NSHE as findings mature

Shared Priorities | Capacity, Access, Quality

STUDENT SUCCESS

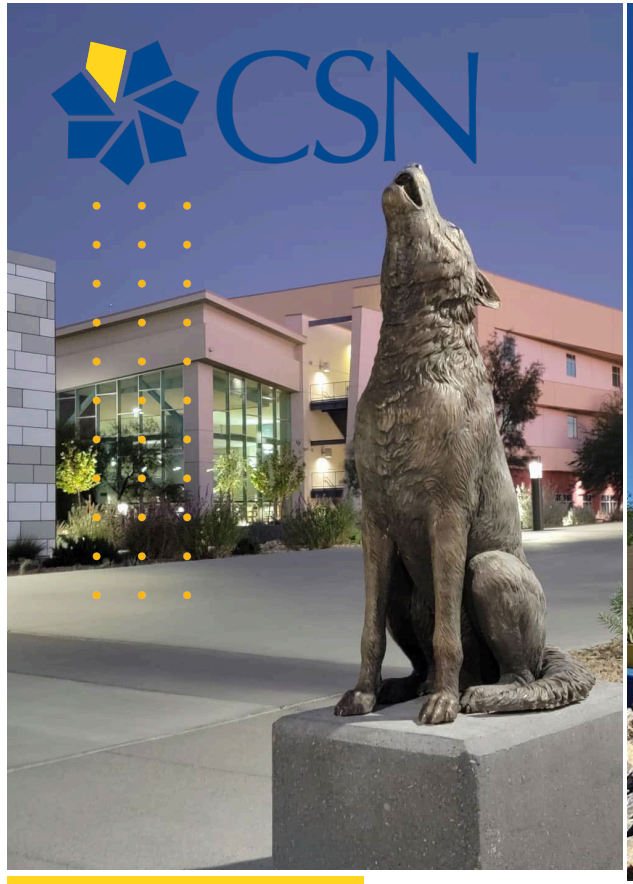
Track completion, examinations, employment and clinical competency

PARTNERSHIPS

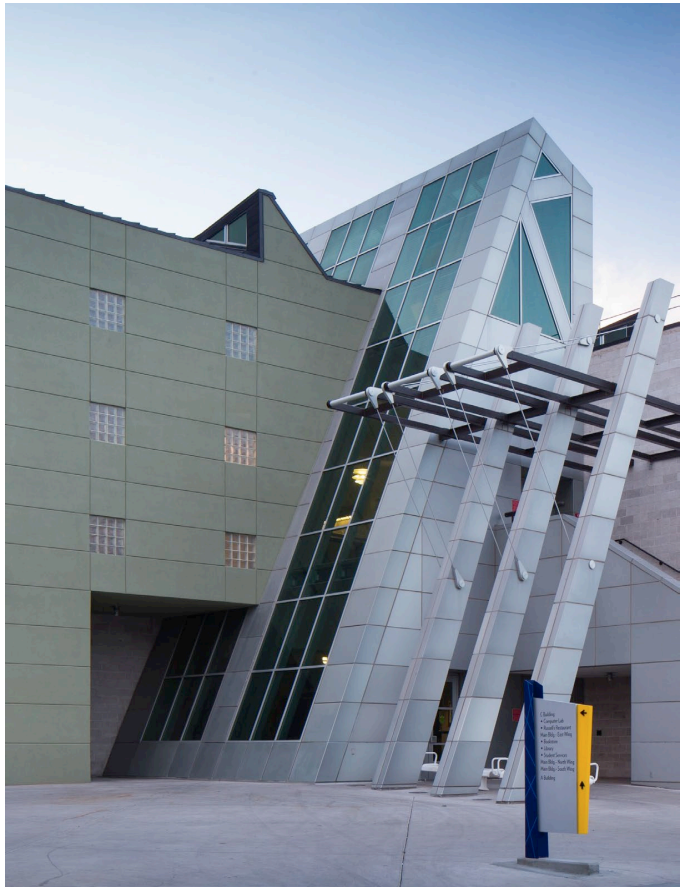
Maintain diverse clinical affiliations and community collaborations

RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

Align faculty, facilities, operatories and clinical sites before expansion







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