



## **EdPlus @ ASU & NSHE Partnership Overview**

The Nevada System of Higher Education is working on a partnership with EdPlus at Arizona State University (ASU).

### **What is EdPlus @ ASU?**

EdPlus is a central enterprise unit for ASU focused on the design and scalable delivery of digital teaching and learning models to increase student success and reduce barriers to achievement in higher education.

EdPlus advances the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the local, national and international communities served by ASU through:

- More than 175 fully online degree programs and over 3,000 individual courses now benefiting 30,000+ undergraduate and graduate students from Arizona, nationally, internationally, students who are place-bound and those who will benefit from a personalized style of learning
- Open scale courses for aspiring college students anywhere to improve and demonstrate university readiness
- Online continuing education for lifelong adult learners seeking professional development growth in their fields
- Direct partnership with universities, public and private corporations of all sizes to create customized digital learning education programs
- Deep learning analytics conducted by an in-house Action Lab resulting in continuous program improvement and greater student achievement

### **Why Partner with EdPlus?**

EdPlus has developed international recognition as a global leader in online education and decentralized learning. Their innovative approach has proven successful while maintaining the high-quality standards necessary for higher education.

NSHE's online education offerings are ripe for development as we strive to increase our number of degree programs, avenues of student support for online learners, faculty resources for teaching online, and schedules that meet the varying needs of global learners.

EdPlus is positioned as a sister public entity in another state to fully understand the challenges unique to public institutions of higher education. Additionally, as a public entity, profit is not a motive, but rather creating an environment where public higher education organizations can share best practices and resources as we collectively strive to improve the lives of our students through the (virtual) classroom.

### **What Will the Partnership Provide?**

The partnership with EdPlus is designed as an opt-in arrangement for all NSHE institutions. The services available fall into the following areas:

- me3 Platform
- Online Course Design & Quality Assurance
- Student Support Services for Fully Online Students
- Marketing Technology for Online Programs

The me3 platform will be implemented as a system-wide initiative and available to all Nevada high school students, adults interested in a new career path, as well as currently enrolled students across NSHE. This innovative tool is a free interactive major and career quiz tool designed to help connect college majors with career interests for perspective and current students.

Using EdPlus to design NSHE institution online degree programs will not involve purchasing curricula from ASU. Instead, NSHE faculty would work directly with the instructional design team at EdPlus to design courses leading to certificates and degrees. The NSHE institution will continue to own the curriculum after it is developed into online courses.

Life Sciences, specifically lab courses, have been a challenge for online degree programs across the country. EdPlus has developed innovative approaches to deal with this challenge. Some examples include virtual lab technology and remote lab kits available for shipping.

Under this public-to-public partnership, each NSHE institution will be able to work directly with EdPlus on their individual specific needs as they relate to the areas above. At the same time, there is no requirement that a NSHE institution work with EdPlus if they believe another provider would result in a better arrangement for their needs.