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Southern University at New Orleans Capability Statement

Mission: Southern University at New Orleans, a public, historically black university, empowers and promotes the upward mobility of diverse populations of traditional and nontraditional students through quality academic programs, teaching, research, and service to achieve excellence in higher education using various teaching and learning modalities.

Vision: Southern University at New Orleans will be a leading urban university—a laboratory to discuss urban issues not only for the City of New Orleans but also across the country.

Overview/Business Data: SUNO was founded September 4, 1956, is located in New Orleans, LA and presently has 2,308 students and 145 faculty.

Accreditation: Southern University at New Orleans is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS) to award Associates, Bachelors & Masters degrees.

The **College of Arts and Sciences** supports Natural and Social Sciences and Humanities with programs in Biology, Math, Forensic Science, English, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Health Information Management Systems (CAHIIM Accreditation), Museum Studies, and Addictive Behaviors and Counseling and Prevention, and General Studies with faculty expertise in STEM, Behavioral Health and Liberal Arts. Social Sciences research expertise include Arts Innovation and technology in Museum Studies, GIS, fictional and non-fictional writing, Criminology and NEH Humanities areas and NEH and LA BoR ATLAS research awards acquisition. The Department of Natural Sciences has highly qualified and competitive faculty in the areas of biology, chemistry, forensic science, mathematics, and physics and offers BS degree programs in Biology, Forensic Science, and Mathematics. Faculty strengths including diversity are: i) Consistent increase in enrollment, retention, and completion of the selected degree program since Hurricane Katrina; ii) faculty securing grants from the state and federal agencies such as LBRN, LSAMP, USDoEd, NSF, NASA, NIH, DoE, etc.; collaborators such as Louisiana State University (LSU), Tulane University (TU), LSU Health Science Center (LSUHSC), University of New Orleans (UNO), Math Alliance, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON), National Institute of Science (NIS), etc.; iii) state-of-the-art science and computer laboratories, iv) professionally developed in STEM areas; v) student and faculty summer camps, summer enrichment programs, and summer undergraduate research programs for students from 2nd level to SUNO seniors; vi) Excellent mentoring emphasizing dedication of faculty to one-on-one research projects to prepare students to pursue advanced degrees, vii) peer-reviewed publications in collaboration with faculty and scientists of research institutions and world renowned national laboratories; and viii) two NSF PAESEM award winners. Space is dedicated for a Nursing Program which is being developed with our Southern University in Baton Rouge campus.

The **College of Business & Public Administration** (CBA) has capability in the areas of research, instruction, business development, information technology, public policy, and educational/accreditation consulting. Several CBA faculty members are experts in the assessment of academic programs, international accountancy regulations, SACS-COC accreditation issues, AACSB International accreditation, entrepreneurship development, and enterprise information management issues. Through its Small Business Development and Management Institute (SBDMI), the college offers services to small businesses, including: One-on-one counseling to small business owners, business seminars for small business owners in areas such as franchising, obtaining disadvantaged business enterprise status, and legal expungement, and Quick Books training and Next Level training. Furthermore, the CBA's on-campus incubator is a service and entertainment-industry-focused facility operated in partnership with

several organizations including Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED) and the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB). In collaboration with several entertainment-industry-focused tenants in its building, the SBDMI makes available to small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in the music and movie industry various types of incubation services, including talent development, networking, and access to/immersion in industry-specific tools and technology. Faculty expertise includes Strategic Management, Accountancy, and Information Technology, Supply Chain Management & Logistics, Economic Theory, Econometrics, Public Finance, Pedagogical Innovation, Economic Impact Studies, Forensic Economics, Small Business Development and Management, Wealth Management & Retirement Planning, Assessment, Accreditation Issues, Economic Impact Studies, Forensic Economics (Orleans Parish Civil District Court and Federal Courts Qualified Expert), Economics of the Natural Gas Industry, International Accountancy & Financial Regulation, Entrepreneurship & Business Development, Database Management & Cyber Security, Enterprise Information Management & Modeling, Computer Programming & Database Management, Instructional Technology and Programming, Computer Programming & Mathematics, Public Finance, and International Development, Public Policy Analysis & Administration and Leadership Development and Strategic Planning.

The **School of Social Work**, which was reaccredited by the Council of Social Work Education through 2020, includes the Masters and Bachelors of Social Work programs. Plans were approved by the LA Board of Regents for a Doctorate of Social Work Program. With themes of Advocacy, Empowerment and Transformation, the School has a diverse faculty with expertise including, but not limited, to health/mental health, addictive behaviors, children, youth and families, trauma, program evaluation,, behavioral health, forensic social work, HIV/AIDS programs, housing, mental health first aid, and cultural competency. The SSW has field education affiliation agreements with over 200 agencies, including training of BSW and MSW level students through a Title IV-E Child Welfare grants. The School partners with the University of Chicago as one of the sites to implement SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) The faculty is involved with other workforce development training grants such as Integrative Behavioral Health (IBH) Program, the Social Work Health, Education and Leadership Scholar (HEALS). Several faculty members serve on local, state, and national boards. The School partners with the juvenile courts on joint research projects. Current educational information in social work is disseminated via the School's Community Resource Center, serving the community and alumni's continuing education needs.

The **College of Education and Human Development** provides the B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies, the B.S. in Early Childhood Education (PK-3), and the B.S. in Elementary Education, and is also responsible for teacher certification programs in Early Childhood Education (PK-3) and Elementary Education (1-5), programs offered at both the undergraduate and post-baccalaureate levels. The unit has maintained the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation since 2002 and was reaccredited by NCATE in 2016. Child Development and Family Studies was approved in 2010, achieving accreditation by the American Association of Family and Consumer Science in 2014. Faculty research ranges from differentiated education to classroom and behavioral management to child learning and development. The College has a pool of 7 full-time faculty, 7 with earned Ph.D. or Ed.D.

The University has the approval to certify educational benefits to qualified veterans and their dependents under the provision of 38 U.S.C. 3675 – SUNO Veterans Affairs Office.

Past Performance: Maintained SACS, AACSB, CSWE, NCATE Accreditations, consistent acquisition of major federal, state, local and private external funding, HBCU Center for Excellence in Substance Abuse and Mental Health, collaborations with National Laboratories, Louisiana State University, Tulane University, LSU Health Science Center, University of New Orleans, Math Alliance, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, National Institute of Science, 2+2 Articulation Agreements with Delgado, Nunez and Southern University in Shreveport Community Colleges

Facilities: State-of-the-art Forensics, Biological Sciences, Computer and Information Sciences, Laboratories, and a Recording Studio

Centers: Center for Entrepreneurial Research, New Orleans Institute for Arts Innovation, Center for Teaching and Learning, Small Business Development and Management Institute