Course Addition

1. Course Title: Rural Health Scholars
   Prefix & Num: BIOL 3000

2. Pre-requisite(s): LEC: 1.00  LBC w/ cr: 0.00  LNC w/ no cr: 0.00
   Co-requisite(s): Clinical: 0.00  Practicum: 0.00
   Instructor permission required: Yes
   Credits: 1.00
   Independent Study: 0.00
   Extended Day: ☒ Grade type: Pass/Fail

3. Semester to be Implemented: Spring, 2009  Day ☐

4. Cost Code: NAT 304  Lab Fee: $0.00  Additional Fees: $150
   Potential WLF: 1.11
   Explanation of Fees: Covers the cost of a resource binder and any travel and fees related to cultural immersion experiences in Mexico, Montezuma Creek, UT, or other places. Some fees are incurred when hospitals process students for volunteer experiences, job shadowing, internships, etc. SUU charges their rural health scholars students $200 per semester. Their program includes an MCAT/DAT/PCAT prep course option.

5. Is this course designed for a specific group? Yes  Who? Pre-professional students (medical, dental, pharmacy, physician assistant, optometry, etc.)

6. Catalog Description: ☐ Now in Print, or ☒ Proposed Below:
   Rural Health Scholars is a program to help prepare pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, pre-physician assistant, pre-optometry and other undergraduate health students for entry into professional schools. The one-hour per week course includes opportunities to hear guest speakers, participate in health-related service learning projects, gain patient exposure and research opportunities, perform job shadowing and volunteer work, visit Mexican and/or Navajo medical clinics, receive help with professional school applications, practice mock interviews, receive mentoring, one-on-one advisement/evaluation, and much more. Students must be willing to adhere to a student contract and participate in scheduled activities. Course may be repeated each semester. However, no more than 2 credits can count toward the B.S. degree in Biology.

7. Course justification (attach sheets if needed):
   Southern Utah University, Dixie State College and the Utah Center for Rural Health have partnered to create this unique program especially for students in health care. SUU has its students sign up for one credit of BIOL 4840: Cooperative Education each semester. The faculty in the biology department at DSC would like to have a dedicated course number for Rural Health Scholars. The course is open to all students (freshmen through senior) interested in a health care profession. Dr. Tom McNellis is the DSC advisor. Rita Osborn is the Associate Director of the program anchored in Cedar City. This course has greatly enhanced the admission of SUU’s students into professional schools. We expect the same results at DSC.

8. Are library resources adequate to support this change? Yes  If not, how are those resources to be acquired?

9. Are technical and other resources available? Yes  If not, how are those resources to be acquired?

10. Relationship to the curriculum: Would the course fill a G.E. requirement? No  If yes, which G.E. area?
    it does not fill a G.E. requirement, would the course offer elective credit? Yes

11. Transferability of the course: List comparable courses at other colleges and universities:

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