A sneak Peek
at the future of Pacific’s Sacramento Campus

A new era is under way for the University’s campus in Sacramento as Pacific expands its offerings in one of the nation’s most influential capital cities and strengthens its unique position in Northern California.

New Degrees Announced
Pacific’s 13-acre campus in Oak Park is the longtime home of the innovative McGeorge School of Law and was Sacramento’s first private university. Starting this fall, it will also be the site of new graduate programs as Pacific transforms the campus into a multidisciplinary center that will serve the region’s need in key areas where professionals are in especially high demand.

“This is a watershed moment for our university,” said President Pamela Eibeck. “Pacific has been a pioneer in higher education in California for more than a century and a half, and it is with great excitement that we expand our presence and service in the Sacramento region.”

Pacific announced in June it will be offering new graduate programs in health, education, business and public policy. Joining the existing programs at the McGeorge School of Law, five new degrees are expected to be rolled out on the Sacramento campus over the next two years, serving both full-time students and working professionals.

“A 3.0 City needs great universities, and Pacific’s expansion in Sacramento means that we’re going to be better able to have a workforce prepared to fill jobs in the new economy,” said Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson.

“We must strengthen our economic base and sharpen our competitive edge in the global marketplace,” said Bill Mueller, CEO of Valley Vision. “That requires a well-educated workforce. Pacific has been providing a superior education in Northern California for generations, and continues its long tradition of innovation and service with its new vision for its Sacramento Campus.”

Also this spring, Pacific began working with Philadelphia-based Drexel University when it announced that it would be phasing out its Sacramento facility. Pacific has offered space on campus for Drexel students who want to complete their Drexel degrees in Sacramento.

“The collaboration and opportunities that will emerge from bringing law, business, health, education, administration and policy programs together on one campus will be tremendous,” said Provost Maria Pallavicini.

Center for Business and Policy Research Sacramento Office

The Sacramento Campus earlier this year became a new site for Pacific’s newly renamed Center for Business and Policy Research—formerly the Business Forecasting Center—which has informed public policy through its economic forecasts and other studies since 2004. The center, which continues to have an office on Pacific’s Stockton campus, will offer students rich opportunities for multidisciplinary research and collaboration.

New Sacramento degrees
- Master of Business Administration
- Doctor of Education
- Master of Public Policy
- Master of Physician Assistant Studies
- Master of Public Administration
The move will also further enable new collaborations with the McGeorge School of Law and new Sacramento graduate programs in business and policy.

“In its first decade, the center has built relationships across California and completed significant projects on issues such as water, transportation, housing and economic development,” said Jeffrey Michael, professor of economics and CPPR director. “This change allows us to better serve our region and to create new opportunities for the University and its students.”

Lewis Gale, dean of the Eberhardt School of Business, said that providing research experiences for undergraduate and graduate students is one of the missions of the center, along with providing research to inform and guide smart regional development.

“This is a great step forward for the university and Sacramento,” said McGeorge Dean Francis J. Mootz III.

“The center’s policy studies, especially in an area such as water, will afford opportunities for our law students to gain policy research experience, and for the center to have access to our faculty expertise and our close ties in the Capitol. I look forward to increasingly rich, multidisciplinary academic offerings on the Sacramento Campus,” said Mootz.

“Our goal is to leverage our unique Northern California footprint to provide our students with exciting new interdisciplinary opportunities.”

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