



August 15, 2016

Dr. Kathleen Fimple  
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Dear Dr. Fimple:

Enclosed is Mid-Plains Community College's request to expand facilities at our Valentine extended campus. Included is a summary of the need in Valentine for expansion and data to support the need. The majority of the funding for this project is coming from sales tax in the city of Valentine and the rest is being fundraised by the College.

Please review the documents and let me know if there is any additional information you may need. We have included a summary of need, floor plan for the existing facility, and a floor plan for the proposed facility. We would like this request to be considered for the August 2016 meeting if possible.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need to reach me by phone, please contact me at (308) 535-3624.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jody Tomanek".

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Valentine Extended Campuses*

# Mid-Plains Community College

## Valentine Extended Campus Expansion August 2016

Mid-Plains Community College is recommending expansion at the Extended Campus in Valentine Nebraska. Mid-Plains Community College has had a designated presence in Valentine and surrounding communities since 2002. Currently Valentine Campus operations are held in a 1330 sq. ft. facility that consists of one large room, a small class room, restroom and small storage area. MPCC has leased this facility on a year-to-year agreement; present cost is \$690.00 per month (\$8200.00 per year). Over the past 4-years the Valentine Extended Campus has shown continuous growth. The current facility operates with one full-time coordinator and a part-time assistant. All classes are taught by adjunct instructors or by full-time faculty via distance education.

The community of Valentine has requested the college to expand to an alternate site for some time. For the past several years MPCC has looked at various locations only to find insufficient or cost prohibitive facilities.

Recently a three acre lot was purchased on the south east side of Valentine along highway 20. This location has been identified as a solution to meet the growing needs of Valentine and the surrounding area. The site will house a 7,700 square foot facility that can be used by the college to conduct appropriate academic and technical education and training. The MPCC Board of Governor's has committed \$200,000 and the remaining costs, totaling \$2,600,000 is made up of community support via the passing of a bond issue, private individuals, businesses, in-kind donations and successful grant applications.

When the project is completed, the College will be vacating the present facility and moving into the new facility. This additional space will allow the College to support 5 classrooms, a shop area equipped with welders, a multi-purpose area, offices, testing room, restroom facilities, and a reception area.

With the expansion of additional space MPCC will bring a number of programs and services located throughout the community to the center. Additional opportunities may include;

- Additional distance learning college credit classes
- Expanded individual learning classes.
- Community education and recreational classes (many are currently offered in various locations around the community).
- Potential to create new programs
- ESL/English as a Second Language.
- Certificate, diploma, and degree options not currently available in that area.
- Business and professional training, specific to the area tourism and customer service.
- Dedicated class room for Health and Science programs EMS/CPR/CNA/Med Aide.
- Increased opportunities to offer ABE/GED
- Testing and career services.
- Academic Advising.

Many of the needs were identified from meetings with community leaders, such as, Economic Development, Chamber, County Commissioners, City Manager, Educational Service Unit and area K-12 schools. In addition, two surveys were done regarding the need for increased distance learning opportunities in the area. One was geared towards educators the other to the general public. Samples of both are included.

Currently all MPCC classes and activities are coordinated through the Valentine Extended Campus office located on 113 N Hall St. The data below documents the continuous growth the Valentine Extended Campus has experienced. Based on past history from Broken Bow, Ogallala and Imperial we anticipate approximately 25% increase in FTE the first year.

| <b>Valentine</b> | <b>Total Course Offerings</b> | <b>On Campus Courses</b> | <b>DL Courses*</b> | <b>DC Courses</b> | <b>CT Courses</b> | <b>Total Enrollment</b> | <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2012-2013        | 40                            | 26                       | 14                 | 21                | 0                 | 197                     | 667.0                     |
| 2013-2014        | 60                            | 37                       | 23                 | 27                | 0                 | 299                     | 796.5                     |
| 2014-2015        | 63                            | 38                       | 25                 | 25                | 0                 | 289                     | 798.5                     |
| 2015-2016        | 71                            | 44                       | 27                 | 37                | 0                 | 302                     | 851.5                     |

The Valentine campus receives the LPN Program distance learning. This requires the singular classroom being occupied approximately 30 hours each week for nursing classes. This is a great program and positively impacts area health care providers. However, it ties up our classroom the majority of the day prohibiting our site from offering other class options.

Placement tests and proctored exams are administered on site in our rented space on a regular basis. Due to only having one classroom we sometimes must use our front lobby to administer testing. This is not ideal for student success and retention.

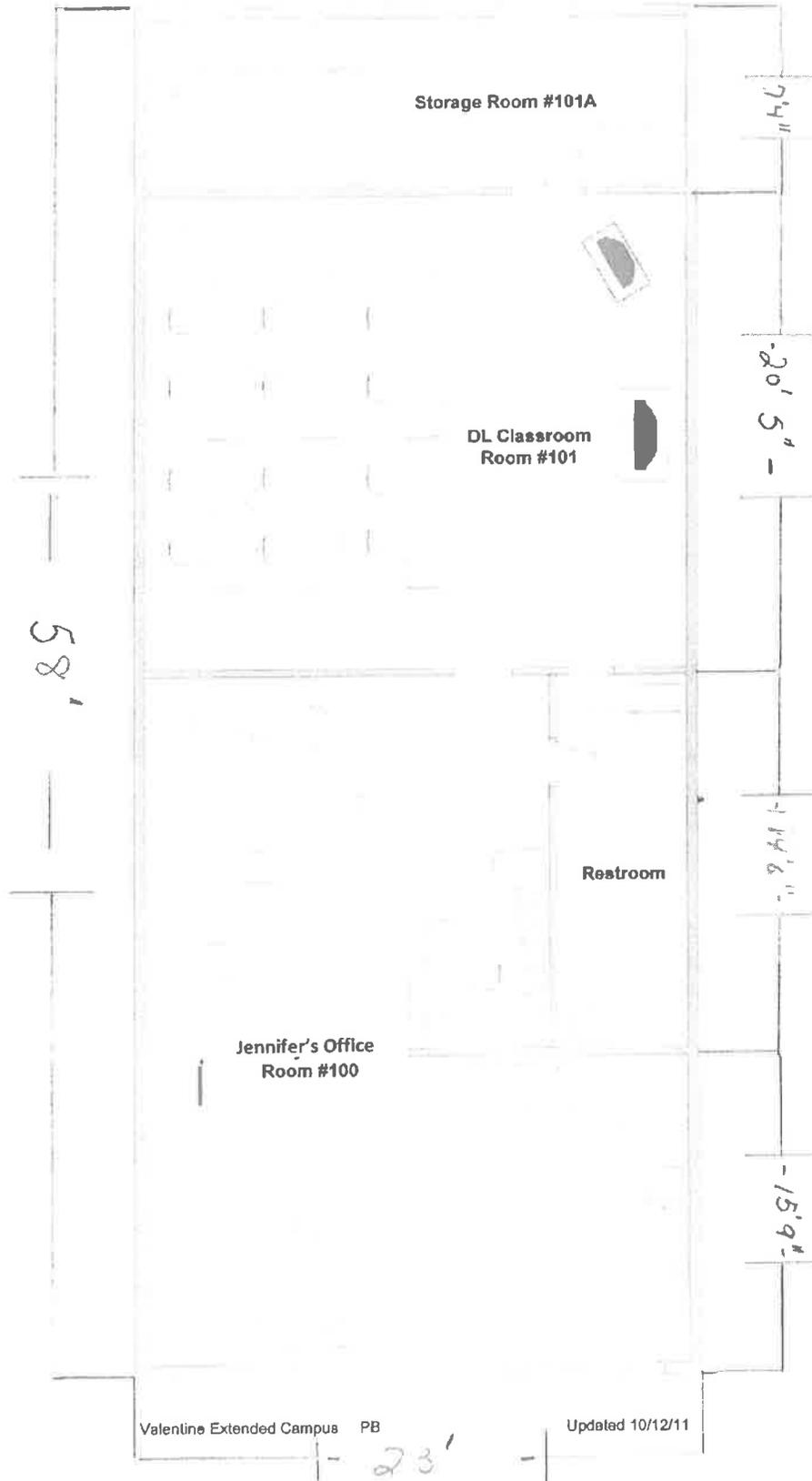
Dual credit classes at area high schools and other classes requiring special equipment will continue to be held at their current locations as listed: Ainsworth, Cody-Kilgore, Hyannis, Mullen, Thedford and Valentine.

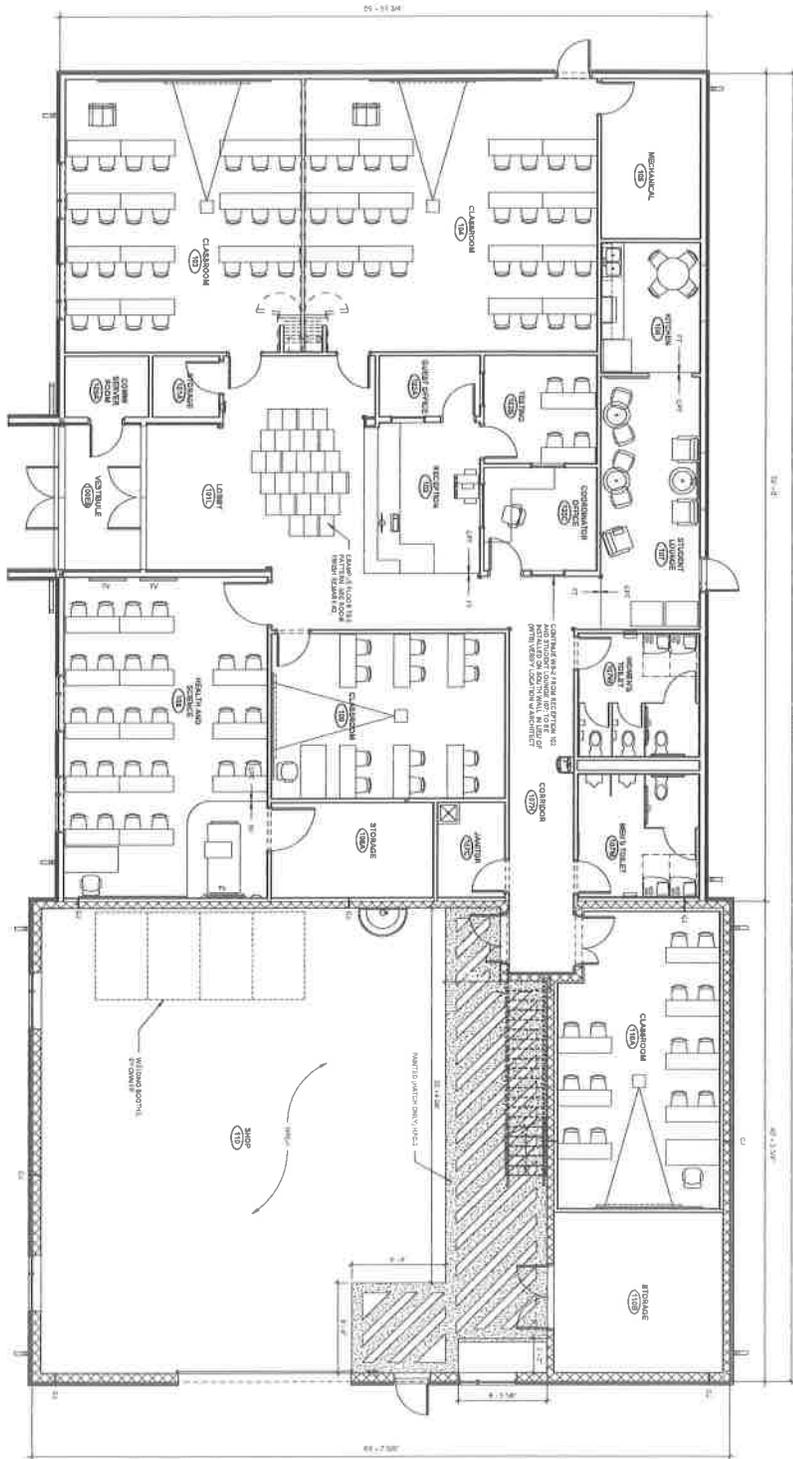
| <b>Valentine Program Data</b>            |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
| <b>Total Full-Time Equivalency (FTE)</b> | 20.1    | 24.0    | 26.6    | 27.7    |
| <b>Health Occupation Courses</b>         |         |         |         |         |
| Number of Health Occupations Courses     | 9       | 22      | 23      | 18      |
| Number of Credit Hours                   | 149     | 255.5   | 247.5   | 240     |
| Full-Time Equivalency (FTE)              | 5.0     | 8.5     | 8.25    | 8.0     |
| Number of Health Occupations Students    | 33      | 19      | 27      | 30      |
| Number of Valentine Area LPN Grads       | 5       | 0       | 3       | 4       |

| Dual Credit Courses                |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of Dual Credit Courses      | 21   | 27   | 23   | 24   |
| Number of Credit Hours             | 382  | 420  | 321  | 452  |
| Full-Time Equivalency (FTE)        | 12.7 | 14.0 | 10.7 | 15.1 |
| Number of Enrollments (Seat count) | 129  | 143  | 106  | 152  |
| Number of Students (Headcount)     | 66   | 69   | 95   | 96   |

Attached is a floor plan of the current facility as well as a floor plan for the proposed facility. If further information is needed, please contact Dr. Jody Tomanek at 308-535-3624.

# Valentine Extended Campus





Date: 10/15/13  
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 Title: Finish Floor Plan

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