

## TUCSON AREA

The Tucson Area will soon have a new health curriculum offering by the Tohono O'odham Community College. In November 2000, the Sells PHS Indian Hospital will have a diabetic retinopathy-screening program installed by the Phoenix Indian Medical Center. The diabetic eye program is funded directly by Congress outside of the \$30 million Center for the Disease Control diabetes authorization. (See Phoenix Area)

### 1. Tohono O'odham Community College

Area Office	Tucson Area
Indian Facility	Tohono O'odham Community College
Primary Use	Telehealth
Use Status	New Project
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Grantee	Tohono O'odham Community College
Funding	RUS - FY 00 - \$288,100
Grant Contact	See Facility Contact

**Summary:**        **The Tohono O'odham Community College will distribute health-related curriculum to several educational and tribal reservation sites.**

The Tohono O'odham Community College will offer distance learning courses in cooperation with the Tucson-based Pima Community College. The courses will be distributed to eleven district sites and three area high schools. The distance education network will also have an expanded library research and medical education services, especially for diabetes management. The expanded curriculum may benefit as many as 350 to 500 students. The reservation population is over 17,500. In FY 1997, another Rural Utilities grant of \$154,045 was awarded to install videoconferencing networks at the three high schools, two Bureau of Indian Affairs schools and a combination high school/middle school from a public school district. This grant occurred before the Tohono O'odham Community College existed