

New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium Bylaws

Article I: Name

The name of this organization is the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium also known as NMNEC

Article II: Mission and Vision

The New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) is a collaborative partnership with a vision for nursing education that addresses the healthcare needs of New Mexicans by preparing a qualified, diverse, and professional nursing workforce. The mission of the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium is to prepare nurses for entry and educational advancement through developing and sustaining a resource-efficient and unified system of accessible, innovative, and state-of-the-art nursing education.

Article III: Leadership

The New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium shall be guided by the NMNEC Leadership Council.

1. The NMNEC Leadership Council shall be comprised of 7 voting and 2 ex-officio members
2. Voting members for the Leadership Council consist of NMNEC Full Member representatives from:
 - i. two (2) different prelicensure baccalaureate nursing programs
 - ii. one (1) BSN Completion (or RN-BSN) program
 - iii. four (4) different prelicensure associate degree nursing programs
3. Ex-officio members of the Leadership Council consist of:
 - i. Two (2) members representing practice/clinical settings/organizations; one representing an urban area and one representing a rural area
4. The seven voting members must be selected from schools with full membership in NMNEC
5. Each Leadership Council representative agrees to serve a minimum of two (2) years
6. Voting and Ex-Officio members of the Leadership Council are nominated at large by NMNEC Full Member schools and are elected through a majority of votes; one vote for one school
7. The functions of the Leadership Council will be to manage operations for the consortium, including:
 - i. Oversee the work of the established NMNEC Committees
 - ii. Create and oversee the work of ad hoc committees and projects
 - iii. Plan general meetings
 - iv. Secure and manage resources
 - v. Manage communications between NMNEC membership and other individuals/organizations
 - vi. Ensure accountability for deadlines/goals
 - vii. Act as a liaison to government organizations and task forces
 - viii. Bring major policy decisions to membership for discussion and voting

Article IV: Membership

There are two levels of membership in NMNEC, **Full Member** and **Associate Member**

1. NMNEC Full Membership:
 - a. Criteria for NMNEC Full Membership are nursing schools that:
 - i. Actively participate in the work of NMNEC (at least 50% participation in meetings as defined in item 4, below)

- ii. Agree to develop and deliver the New Mexico statewide plan as developed by NMNEC
 - iii. Commit to following the mission/curriculum set by NMNEC
 - iv. Maintain national nursing accreditation (i.e., NLNAC, ACEN, CCNE) and are an approved New Mexico nursing program (“Any nursing program operating in New Mexico and is fully-approved by the HED and/or the NMBON”)
 - v. Contribute resources to support NMNEC
 - b. Privileges of NMNEC Full Membership are:
 - i. May hold leadership roles within NMNEC
 - ii. May provide one vote representing one Full Member school
 - iii. May participate in meetings and in committees
 - iv. May receive travel/lodging reimbursement as funding permits
- 2. NMNEC Associate Membership:
 - a. Criteria for NMNEC Associate Membership are nursing schools and/or other entities that:
 - i. Are interested in the work of the Consortium and/or are interested in participating in the Consortium, but do not meet the minimum criteria of NMNEC Full Membership
 - b. Privileges for NMNEC Associate Membership are:
 - i. May hold leadership positions in NMNEC in an ex-officio capacity
 - ii. May participate in NMNEC committees but may not vote in committee decisions
 - iii. May attend general membership meetings
 - iv. May be reimbursed for costs associated with participation in NMNEC activities, including general and committee meetings after funds are distributed to Full Members and on a funds-available basis
- 3. General membership voting shall be non-weighted, simple majority, with one vote for each Full Member school
- 4. Active participation as a member will be defined as any combination of two (2) of the three (3) following:
 - i. School representation for at least 50% of scheduled general meetings
 - ii. Service by school representatives on committees, task forces, special projects, and/or as leadership for these groups
 - iii. Funding or in-kind support of consortium activities

Article V: Committees

- 1. The following committees are established:
 - a. Curriculum
 - b. Program Evaluation
 - c. Diversity
- 2. Other task forces/ad hoc committees will be established as necessary
- 3. Committee Chair and Co-Chair are appointed by the Leadership Council through a simple majority vote