



New Mexico Statewide Nursing Curriculum What Nursing Faculty Need to Know

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What is NMNEC?

The New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) is a collaborative of *every* state-funded nursing program across the state. This involves colleges offering an associate's degree in nursing (ADN) and a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN). The consortium has created a common statewide curriculum in nursing that paves the way for seamless transfer of nursing credits. This provides a direct path for students to receive a baccalaureate degree in nursing through their hometown community college *or* their local university.



ADN and BSN-Prepared Nurses

This statewide program provides the common statewide nursing curriculum for those pursuing an ADN or a BSN degree. At the time of admission, students will select either the ADN or BSN track. Those who choose the BSN track will be able to complete the BSN at their local community college *or* university. This means that, in the coming years, the BSN degree may be obtained in eighteen locations in New Mexico! Universities and Community Colleges are partnering so that the student is dually-enrolled and has the opportunity to receive an ADN *and* a BSN upon graduation. Those who choose the ADN option may continue their education at a later date by enrolling in an RN-to-BSN program.

Concept-Based Teaching in the Classroom

NMNEC students are taught in a conceptually-based manner throughout their coursework producing nurses who are patient-centered, who think critically, and are able to recognize the needs of patients. Concept-based teaching identifies a patient need and students are introduced to the scope and categories of the concept. They identify not only risk factors, but individuals and populations at risk. The instructor engages the students to identify strategies to assess for the problem and how those assessments might change based on client age, culture, comorbidities, and condition.

NMNEC Curriculum

The Program of Study for the ADN and BSN degrees can be found at www.nmnec.org/curriculum. The NMNEC Model, showing the relationship between the ADN and BSN degree is listed here as well. This is not a traditional 2+2 model where a student completes an ADN and then continues to the BSN after obtaining initial licensure. The NMNEC curriculum is a true concurrent enrollment. The ADN and BSN degrees may be earned at the same time. You may also benefit from looking at the "Student Advisement Guide" www.nmnec.org/prospective-student.aspx. This will provide you with an understanding of the pre-requisites and application requirements. Detailed course data is available to NMNEC Full Member schools and their faculty. Please contact the NMNEC office to gain access to this information. nmnec@salud.unm.edu, 505-272-4125.

Nursing Faculty Development

The consortium recognizes that the statewide common curriculum involves a lot of change on the part of nursing faculty. When your school moves toward implementation of the new curriculum, your Nursing Program Director will contact the NMNEC office to coordinate the faculty development activities needed. Workshops are available on a variety of topics: Concept-based Teaching, Simulation in the New Curriculum, and Teaching the NMNEC Curriculum Levels/Terms 1-5.



Clinicals/Preceptorships

What does this new curriculum mean to your clinical partners? The consortium offers workshops for clinical partners to introduce them to the new conceptually-based curriculum. Yes, your industry partners will need to gain a new level of understanding of the needs of the NMNEC student. Your Nursing Program Director can contact the NMNEC office to request assistance in presenting this topic to your clinical partners.

The Roll-Out

Three years ago, the pre-licensure BSN was offered in two state-funded schools: UNM and NMSU. Today the NMNEC common statewide Curriculum is offered in ten schools, of which, nine offer the BSN degree option. In the coming years, we project all state-funded ADN and BSN nursing programs will be on board. You may refer to the NMNEC website for a detailed listing of each school's progression in the implementation process www.nmneec.org/curriculum.aspx and click on "NMNEC Schools: Implementation Grid" or "NMNEC Enrollment ea Term w Grads 2014-2018."

