



TALKING POINTS

As of 7.1.17

Background

The New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (“Nem’ Neck,” NMNEC) is a collaborative of every state-funded nursing program across the state. The consortium has created a common core curriculum for the associate and baccalaureate (pre-licensure) degrees. This statewide common curriculum has built the pathway, the foundation to form partnerships between universities and community colleges to be able to offer the BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) at community colleges across the state. This has greatly increased the BSN degree options available throughout the state. This will also lead to a significant increase in the number of BSN-prepared nurses in the New Mexico workforce.

Why do we need a BSN-prepared Workforce?

AACN position statement, March-2015 “The Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing as Minimal Preparation for Professional Practice”

- Increased complexities in health care
- Increased primary and preventive care throughout the community
- Increased independence in clinical decision making, case management, supervision, patient education
- Increased orientation to community-based primary health care
- Increased emphasis on health promotion, maintenance, and cost-effective coordinated care

Outcomes of NMNEC Statewide Initiative

- Increased access to BSN programs in rural New Mexico increasing the number of nurses with BSN and graduate degrees
 - Three years ago the BSN was offered in two state-funded schools – UNM and NMSU
 - Now, the BSN is offered in TEN state-funded schools in all areas of the state
 - This is projected to increase to 18 locations in the next few years
- Community College-based BSN students are co-enrolled benefiting from the resources at both the university and the community college
- Seamless transferability for current nursing students who wish to locate to another part of the state (limitations exist – check with your nursing program advisor)
- 50% lower overall tuition for community college-based BSN students
 - Majority of prerequisites and nursing courses are delivered at the community college tuition rate
 - Several nursing courses and all of the last term of the BSN are delivered at the university tuition rate
- Improved efficiency, quality, and educational outcomes of nursing education through cooperation among community colleges and universities
- Common procedures in advisement, admissions, progression, course delivery, and financial aid
- The New Mexico Model for Nursing Education has been recognized on a national level as a successful means to increase the number of BSN-prepared nurses

Process for implementation of common nursing curriculum at community colleges and universities:

- Each institution determines the timeline for implementation according to community and institutional needs
- Implementation of the common nursing curriculum is approved, separately, by each institution and their nursing faculty
- Each institution presents the new common curriculum to the New Mexico Board of Nursing as well as the appropriate national nursing accrediting body for approval
- BSN Partnership agreements are established between community colleges and partnering university

Implementation of NMNEC Curriculum & BSN Partnerships: (as of 7/1/17)

The common nursing curriculum was approved by the NMNEC membership in October, 2012.

Nursing School (State-funded Associate & Baccalaureate Nursing Programs listed alphabetically)	Location	Common Curriculum	BSN Partnership
Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)	Albuquerque	Spring 2014 ADN Spring 2014 BSN	CNM is partnering with UNM to offer BSN
Clovis Community College (CCC)	Clovis	Fall 2015 ADN	ADN Only (no plans to offer BSN)
Doña Ana Community College* (DACC)	Las Cruces	After 2020	
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (ENMU-R)	Roswell	Fall 2018	BSN partner tbd
Luna Community College (LCC)	Las Vegas	Fall 2017 ADN Fall 2018 BSN	LCC is partnering with WNMU to offer BSN in Fall-2018
New Mexico Junior College (NMJC)	Hobbs	Fall 2014 ADN Fall 2014 BSN	NMJC is partnering with UNM to offer BSN
New Mexico State University (NMSU)	Las Cruces	Summer 2014 BSN	University partner for BSN
NMSU-Alamogordo (NMSU-A)	Alamogordo	Spring 2015 BSN	Satellite program of NMSU BSN
NMSU-Grants (NMSU-G)	Grants	Spring 2015 BSN	Satellite program of NMSU BSN
New Mexico State University-Carlsbad (NMSU-C)	Carlsbad	Fall 2019	
Northern New Mexico College* (NNMC)	Española	Fall 2018	
San Juan College (SJC)	Farmington	Fall 2014 ADN Fall 2015 BSN	SJC is partnering with UNM to offer BSN
Santa Fe Community College (SFCC)	Santa Fe	Summer 2014 ADN Summer 2014 BSN	SFCC is partnering with NMSU & UNM to offer BSN
University of New Mexico (UNM)	Albuquerque	Spring 2014 BSN	University partner for BSN
University of New Mexico-Gallup (UNM-G)	Gallup	Fall 2017 ADN Fall 2018 BSN	UNM-G is partnering with UNM to offer BSN
University of New Mexico-Taos (UNM-T)	Taos	Fall 2016 ADN Fall 2016 BSN	UNM-T is partnering with UNM to offer BSN
University of New Mexico-Valencia* (UNM-V)	Los Lunas	Fall 2018	Future partner with UNM
Western New Mexico University (WNMU)	Silver City	Fall 2015 ADN** Fall 2015 BSN	University partner for the BSN

*will complete program re-accreditation process prior to implementation and partnership

**discontinuing ADN program Spring-2017

Leadership:

NMNEC is managed by a Leadership Council of nine members who represent ADN, BSN, RN-to-BSN programs, and Nursing Employers across the state. They meet every-other week throughout the year to further the work of NMNEC through a collaborative effort of communication, cooperation, and guidance. The collaborative is further supported by four committees who meet throughout the year concentrating on the implementation process.

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The NMNEC website is the primary source of information regarding the statewide initiative. It provides information for students, faculty, advisors, employers, the general public, and other states wishing to follow our lead.

80% BSN-Prepared by 2020

The IOM Report, “*The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*” issued a call to action to increase the proportion of nurses with baccalaureate degrees to 80% by 2020.

NM Percent of RNs by Degree

Degree	2013	2014	2015	2016
ADN	1125 – 56%	1237 – 58%	1098 – 50%	1201 – 44%
BSN	755 – 37%	831 – 39%	993 – 45%	1364 – 51%
MSN	136 – 7%	81 – 4%	102 – 5%	129 – 5%

Contributing factors to growth of BSN-prepared RNs in NM

- Anecdotally, the majority of the growth is reflective of the increase in number of licensed RNs (678 more RNs in 2016 than in 2013)
- The NMNEC model, placing BSN degrees in community colleges, will increase this growth over the next few years as the NMNEC common statewide curriculum is now taught in eleven schools (versus two schools in 2013)

