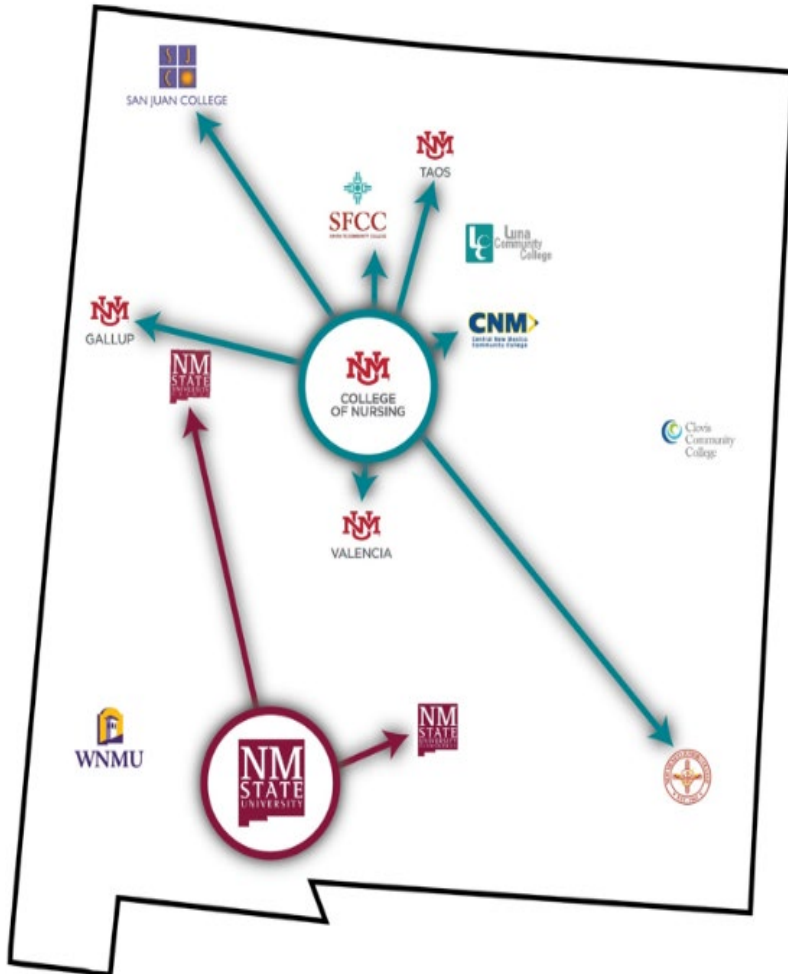


Creating Opportunities for *Nursing Education*



Statewide Collaboration

The **New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium** (NMNEC/nem-nek) was developed in 2009 as a collaborative of state- or tribal funded nursing programs across the state. The consortium has brought stability and quality to the nursing workforce supply through:

- Implementation of a statewide common pre-licensure nursing curriculum
- Building nursing education partnerships between universities and community colleges
- Developing multiple coordinated pathways into nursing education

Common Statewide Curriculum

Participating NMNEC nursing programs (listed at end) are all teaching the NMNEC common statewide pre-licensure RN nursing curriculum (ADN and BSN). This is a concept-based curriculum producing nurses who are patient-centered, are able to think critically, and are able to exercise clinical judgment. A conceptually-based curriculum promotes students' understanding and application of health care participant, health/illness, and professional nursing concepts in the provision of nursing care.

Degree Options in the NMNEC Curriculum

- ADN at a community college
- BSN at a university
- Dual Degree/Co-Enrolled: ADN/BSN at a community college in partnership with a university
 - Universities and Community Colleges have built partnerships to enable co-enrolled students the opportunity to receive their ADN **and** BSN upon graduation
- LPN Pathways: New Mexico LPNs may enter the NMNEC ADN Curriculum in term two after meeting defined criteria or NMNEC nursing students at NMJC have the option of obtaining a LPN while in their pre-licensure RN program
- RN-to-BSN Pathway: ADN-prepared NMNEC RNs may continue their education and pursue their BSN with participating New Mexico RN-to-BSN online programs without duplication of coursework

NMNEC Nursing Programs	Locations	ADN at Community College	BSN at University	Dual Degree: ADN/BSN at Community College
UNM	Albuquerque		X	
UNM-HSC-RR	Rio Rancho		X	
CNM	Albuquerque	X		X
CNM-RR	Rio Rancho	X		X
SJC	Farmington	X		X
SFCC	Santa Fe	X		X
UNM-Taos	Taos	X		X
UNM-Gallup	Gallup	X		X
UNM-Valencia	Los Lunas	X		X
NMJC	Hobbs	X		X
NMSU	Las Cruces		X	
NMSU-Alamogordo	Alamogordo		X	
NMSU-Grants	Grants		X	
WNMU	Silver City		X	
LCC	Las Vegas	X		
CCC	Clovis	X		
University-Community College BSN Partnerships Turquoise = UNM ♦ Maroon = NMSU				

Opportunities/Outcomes

- Access and opportunity to enroll in a pre-licensure ADN or BSN program is available in all four quadrants of the state
- Students who receive their nursing degree “close to home” most often secure employment in their home communities
- Significant tuition savings to obtain a BSN (average of 50%) for Dual Degree students receiving their BSN education at a community college in partnership with a university
- Employers have a great sense of the preparation of NMNEC graduates throughout the state