

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 is guided by the NMNEC Leadership Council.

1. The NMNEC Leadership Council is comprised of 8 voting and 4 advisory/non-voting members with each member representing a different school or organization.
2. Voting members of the Leadership Council consist of representatives from:
 - i. Three (3) university pre-licensure baccalaureate nursing programs
 - ii. Five (5) pre-licensure community college associate degree nursing programs
3. Advisory/non-voting 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
 - ii. One (1) RN-to-BSN post-licensure baccalaureate nursing program
 - iii. One (1) LPN nursing program
4. The eight voting members must be selected from schools who are “NMNEC Curriculum Members”
5. The four advisory/non-voting members must be selected from schools/organizations who are NMNEC Members in any category
6. Each Leadership Council representative agrees to serve a minimum of two (2) years
7. Voting and Advisory/non-voting members of the Leadership Council are nominated at large by “NMNEC Curriculum Member” schools and are elected through a majority of votes; one vote for one school
8. The functions of the Leadership Council are 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

1. There are four (4) levels of membership in NMNEC:

A. NMNEC Curriculum Member

New Mexico state-funded or tribal university/community college currently teaching the NMNEC common statewide nursing curriculum and adhering to the “NMNEC Curriculum Member” criteria

B. NMNEC Affiliate Member

New Mexico state-funded or tribal university/community college in process of implementing the NMNEC common statewide nursing curriculum that will occur within three years of commitment and adhere to the “NMNEC Affiliate Member” criteria

C. NMNEC Associate Member

New Mexico state-funded institution/organization providing nursing education not including the NMNEC common statewide nursing curriculum and adhering to the “NMNEC Associate Member” criteria

D. NMNEC Supporting Member

Organizations not providing state-funded/tribal nursing education who are in support of, and interested in, the work of the statewide nursing consortium and adhering to the “NMNEC Supporting Member” criteria

2. Membership voting will take place for Consortium policies, regulatory documents, and bylaws, as well as other items deemed necessary by the Leadership Council. The vote shall be non-weighted, simple majority, with one vote for each “NMNEC Curriculum Member” school

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