

## 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 is guided by the NMNEC Leadership Council.

1. The NMNEC Leadership Council shall be is comprised of 7 8 Voting and 2 4 ex-officio Advisory/non-voting members with each member representing a different school or organization.
2. Voting members for of the Leadership Council consist of NMNEC Full Member representatives from:
  - i. Three (3) Two (2) different university pre-licensure baccalaureate nursing programs
  - ii. Five (5) four (4) different pre-licensure community college associate degree nursing programs
3. Ex-officio 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 seven eight voting members must be selected from schools who are "NMNEC Curriculum Members" with full membership in NMNEC
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 will be 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 ~~two~~ 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. ~~General~~ 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” ~~Full Member~~ school
3. ~~Active participation as a member will be defined as any combination of two (2) of the three (3) following:~~
  1. ~~School representation for at least 50% of scheduled general meetings~~
  2. ~~Service by school representatives on committees, task forces, special projects, and/or as leadership for these groups~~
  3. ~~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