



## Community Colleges and Universities Educating Co-enrolled BSN/ADN Students: How to Partner for Extraordinary Outcomes



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### Introduction:

Ideas to achieve an “80% BSN-prepared” nursing workforce by 2020 are numerous. The New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC), a collaborative of 18 nursing schools, developed partnerships between universities and community colleges to **award the BSN degree on community college campuses**.

### NMNEC Model:

This unique model includes a common curriculum and seamless transferability with three distinct degree options.

### Building University/Community College Partnerships:

NMNEC developed a comprehensive *Implementation Guide* for partnering schools including a readiness self-assessment, partnership MOA, curriculum overview, steps for joint advisement, admissions, and the financial aid processes.

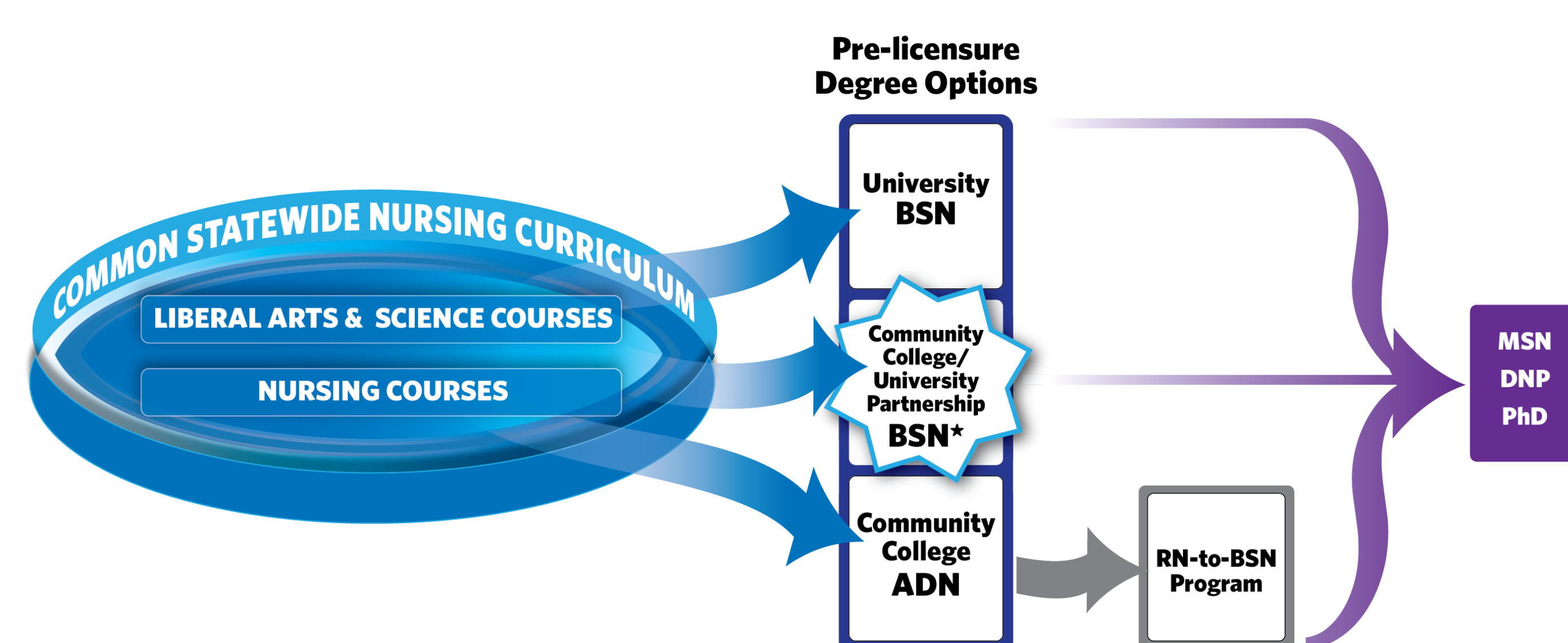
### Co-Enrolled BSN Common Statewide Curriculum:

(nursing courses)

- Term 1 = 2 CC courses + 1 Univ course
- Term 2 = 4 CC courses
- Term 3 = 3 CC courses + 1 Univ course
- Term 4 = 2 CC courses + 2 Univ courses
- Term 5 = 4 Univ courses



### Nursing Educational Model



Color Key	
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	BLUE = NMNEC Curriculum
<span style="color: gray;">■</span>	GRAY = RN-to-BSN Program outside of the NMNEC Curriculum
<span style="color: purple;">■</span>	PURPLE = Nursing Graduate Education beyond the BSN

Degree Key	
<b>ADN</b> = Associate Degree in Nursing	<b>MSN</b> = Master of Science in Nursing
<b>BSN</b> = Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing	<b>DNP</b> = Doctor of Nursing Practice
<b>RN-to-BSN</b> = Post-licensure BSN	<b>PhD</b> = Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

### 1 Partnership Readiness:

*Institutional Preparedness*  
Senior Administration  
Registrar  
Financial Aid Director  
Institutional Policies

*Faculty Readiness*  
Concept-based Curriculum  
Community Employers

### 2 Partnership MOA (memorandum of agreement):

*Choose University Partner*  
Location, Politics, Relationships

*Legally Binding MOA lists:*

- Pre-Advisement
- Admissions
- Nursing Program Enrollment & Progression
- Course Delivery
- Hiring of Qualified Faculty
- Tuition
- “Home” school for financial aid
- Graduation
- Compensation for CC course delivery of Univ courses

### 3 Partnership Details (Who does what?):

*Pre-Advising & Pre-req Work*

*Admissions*

- Partners agree on # of seats
- CC student applies to CC
- Declare track of interest (ADN or BSN)
- CC selects BSN applicants based on selection criteria
- CC informs Univ of chosen BSN applicants
- CC BSN-track students apply to Univ & become **“Co-enrolled Students”**
- Univ and CC share student info

### 4 Co-Enrollment:

CC-Based Co-enrolled BSN students are simultaneously enrolled in CC and Univ

BSN = Min 128 credit hours (nursing)  
(30 credits required from Univ)

**Course Delivery of University Courses:**

- On the CC campus
- Distance education delivery
- Off-campus in home community

**Faculty for University Courses:**

- CC Faculty hired by Univ
- Faculty from Univ
- Temporary Faculty

**Tuition:**  
Co-enrolled Students pay CC tuition and Univ tuition separately

**Financial Aid:**  
“Home” school designation reflected in MOA  
“Home” institution delivers financial aid

**Co-Enrolled Student** (two of everything):

- Student IDs
- Student Bursar Accounts/bills
- Student Financial Aid
- Student email addresses – check both
- Learning Management Systems
- Student Services
- Library Services
- Parking Services

### 5 Graduation:

Co-enrolled Students are dual degree recipients – awarded BSN and concurrently

*Two graduation ceremonies*

- “Walk” in both
- Live Feed for distance participation
- Recorded for later viewing

### 6 Reporting:

State funding provided for conferring Both ADN from CC and BSN from Univ

Co-enrolled Cohort Reporting:  
The NMBON recognizes the Univ/CC Co-enrolled cohort as a separate entity

NCLEX Scores: Co-enrolled Students are reported as a separate Univ/CC cohort