

Creating Opportunities for Nursing Education

Statewide Collaboration

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

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

Common Statewide Curriculum

Participating NMNEC nursing programs (listed below) are all teaching the “NMNEC Common Curriculum.” This is a concept-based curriculum producing nurses who are patient-centered, who think critically, and are able to recognize the needs of patients. A conceptually-based curriculum promotes students’ understanding and application of health/illness and professional nursing concepts in the provision of nursing care.

NMNEC Program Locations



| NMNEC Nursing Programs | Locations | ADN at Community College | BSN at University | Co-enrolled ADN/BSN at Community College |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--|
| UNM | Albuquerque, Rio Rancho | | X | |
| CNM | Albuquerque, 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 |
| NMSU | Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Grants | | X | |
| CCC | Clovis | X | | |
| LCC | Las Vegas | X | | |
| NMJC | Hobbs | X | | |
| WNMU | Silver City | | X | |

BSN Partnerships: Turquoise = UNM • Maroon = NMSU

Degree Options in the NMNEC Curriculum

- ADN at a community college
- BSN at a university
- Co-Enrolled: ADN/BSN at a community college in partnership with a university
 - Through these partnerships co-enrolled students have the opportunity to receive their ADN and BSN upon graduation
- LPN Pathway: New Mexico LPNs may enter the NMNEC ADN Curriculum in term two after meeting defined criteria
- 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

Opportunities/Outcomes

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

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