

2023 Fall NMNEC News Flash

Greetings to all NMNEC faculty and to all those who support the NMNEC faculty and students!



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The 2023 Fall semester is starting soon so here are some quick reminders that may be helpful for planning/teaching the NMNEC curriculum this semester as well as some general NMNEC news.

Most of these news items are also posted in the [Latest News](#) on the [NMNEC website](#) [www.nmneec.org].

FYI, the [Latest News](#) on the NMNEC website remains your best source of current information about what is happening with NMNEC.

PS. There is a [NMNEC Facebook page](#) to check out!

To another year of working together!

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If your program implemented the NMNEC curriculum updates starting with Level 1 in Fall 2022 and Level 2 in Spring 2023, the curriculum updates continue in Level 3 for Fall 2023.

[Check out Level 3 Curricular Updates for Fall 2023](#)



Level 3 Curricular Updates

Implementation in either Summer or Fall 2023 if started with implementation of updates with Level 1 in Fall 2022

[or if starting with Level 1 in Spring 2023; then implementation of Level 3 updates is no later than Fall 2023 or Spring 2024]

Health and Illness Concepts II

Acid Base concept added (moved from L4) with exemplars clarified to include **metabolic and respiratory acidosis, metabolic and respiratory alkalosis, and metabolic and respiratory compensation**

Gas Exchange concept added **Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)** as exemplar (originally an exemplar for Infection concept in L4)

Mobility concept added exemplar: **Parkinson's**

Comfort concept moved to L1

Professional Nursing Concepts I

No changes

Care of Patients with Chronic Conditions

L3 Psychomotor Skills

Updated

L3 Competencies Updated

L3 Simulation Plan - no changes

**NMNEC Faculty access to updated Level 3 curricular documents on NMNEC website:
*Faculty Login | Level 3 Courses (Master Syllabi, Concepts, Clinical Evals, Etc.)***

If your program implemented the NMNEC curriculum updates starting with Level 1 in Spring 2023, then [Check out Level 2 Curricular Updates](#)

And if your program implemented the NMNEC curriculum updates starting with Level 1 in Fall 2022, Level 2 in Spring 2023, and Level 3 in Summer 2023, [Check out the Level 4 Curricular Updates](#)

Update on NMNEC Strategic Planning/Transitions

At the Spring 2023 NMNEC Statewide Faculty Meeting, a proposal that grew out of a strategic planning process through the 2022-2023 academic year was discussed. The goal of this proposal was for NMNEC to become a membership-based non-profit organization that would sustainably fund the staffing structure that supports the collaborative work of NMNEC faculty.

While this proposal was initially well-received by mid-level and higher-level administration at participating NMNEC programs, as the plan was presented more formally in late spring of 2023, there was significant pushback from some university and college presidents at that time. Governing institutions voiced support for NMNEC itself but not for the not-for-profit model.

Based on dialogue with some college administrations, there is optimism that equitable financial support from across all NMNEC programs will be found for the needed staff positions that support the collaborative work of NMNEC faculty from across all NMNEC programs.

The work of finding that support will continue through this 2023-2024 academic year thanks to the assistance of the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence (NMCNE) who agreed to continue as the fiscal sponsor/agent for NMNEC and of the New Mexico Board of Nursing, who at their July 2023 meeting, approved an application for 2022-2023 funding that was submitted by the NMCNE on behalf of NMNEC.



[NMNEC Annual Report Published](#)

This [report](#) is actually a 2-year report covering FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) and FY 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023). It contains information that provides an overview of what NMNEC is and what has happened over the last 2 years.

Please share with anyone who needs to know about NMNEC!

Check it out by clicking on picture below.



NMNEC Says Goodbye to Program Director

NMNEC Program Director Leaves Role to Start New Job



Cassandra Bourgeois, RN, MSN, ended her role with NMNEC as the Program Director on June 30, 2023, as she moved to starting a new job.

Cassandra started her involvement with NMNEC as a Graduate Assistant in 2020 and continued in that role until she graduated in May 2022. Starting in August 2022, she contracted to be the NMNEC Program Director.

During her involvement with NMNEC, she has attended and taken minutes for many NMNEC committees and groups - not an easy job. She also assisted with NMNEC Student Disaster Preparedness Events as well as several NMNEC task forces, one of which resulted in being a co-author on a national publication about NMNEC.

In her new role, Cassandra will have the opportunity to set up a new case management department. NMNEC will miss Cassandra but is excited that she got this special opportunity.



Thank You, Cassandra, for all that you did for NMNEC!

PS. Cassandra has volunteered to continue to help with minutes for Leadership Council meetings, if needed, so NMNEC may still be able to keep in touch with Cassandra!

NMNEC Leadership Council Transitions

At the end of April 2023,

And at the end of July 2023,

NMNEC Leadership Council Member Transitions



Kristen Ostrem-Niemcewicz, DNP, MSN, CNM, FNP-BC, FACNM (University of New Mexico) has stepped down from her position as University Pre-licensure BSN Program (Voting) Member of the NMNEC Leadership Council.

Kristen provided valuable insights that have helped NMNEC move through multiple challenges in the past year.

Thank you so much, Kristen, for all you have done for NMNEC! And best wishes for your continued success in your next endeavors!



And Melinda (Mindy) Tinkle, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FAAN (University of New Mexico) has been elected by NMNEC Programs to be the newest University Pre-licensure BSN Program (Voting) Member of the NMNEC Leadership Council!

Mindy brings 25+ years of experience in academic nursing across programs, both undergraduate (traditional, accelerated, and RN to BSN) and graduate levels in 4 large public universities. Mindy is currently the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Nursing Education at the University of New Mexico.

Welcome, Mindy, to the NMNEC Leadership Council!



NMNEC Leadership Council Member Resigns

Shawna McGill, RN, MSN, Director of Allied Health at Clovis Community College, has resigned as a NMNEC Leadership Council Member representing Community College ADN programs.



Shawna had been a member of NMNEC Leadership Council since 2020 and her insights and perspectives were very much appreciated by the Council!



Thank You, Shawna!
You will be missed on Leadership Council but NMNEC looks forward to your continued involvement.

Additional Leadership Council Transitions in Process



Margaret Hendrix, DNP, RN (Albuquerque Public Schools/Career Enrichment Center) has announced she will be leaving her position as **LPN Program Advisory Member** when a new member is elected.

There is an election currently in progress which closes on 8/15/23.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the new LPN Program Advisory Member!

NMNEC Leadership Council Vacancies



Community College ADN Member [Voting]

Eligibility:

- Faculty from a NMNEC state- or tribal-funded community college ADN program that is a NMNEC Curriculum Member program.
- Programs with a member already on the Leadership Council are not eligible.
- Currently eligible NMNEC Curriculum Member Community College ADN Programs are: CCC, LCC, MCC, UNM-Taos, and UNM-V.
- Nominations can be submitted by any NMNEC faculty from any program. Self-nominations are also welcome.



Urban Clinical Partner Member [Advisory]


Eligibility: Employed at a NMNEC member organization in any category.

For information about NMNEC Member programs and organizations, see [NMNEC Membership](#)

To nominate someone for either Leadership Council open positions or to get more information, check out [NMNEC Leadership Council Openings – Now Accepting Nominations for Community College ADN Program Member and Urban Clinical Advisory Member Positions](#)


NMNEC Curriculum Committee Leadership Changes

NMNEC Curriculum Committee Leadership Transitions




Dawn Kittner (University of New Mexico- Taos) stepped down from her position as ADN Co-Chair of the NMNEC Curriculum on June 30, 2023.

Thank you so much, Dawn, for your leadership of the NMNEC Curriculum Committee!



Gwen Weishapl (Central New Mexico Community College) was selected by NMNEC Leadership Council to become the NMNEC Curriculum Committee ADN Co-Chair, effective July 1, 2023.

Gwen has been an actively participating member of the NMNEC Curriculum Committee for a few years. She has reviewed and updated several concept documents and participated in the vertical review of the NMNEC curriculum that resulted in the most recent updating of the NMNEC curriculum.



Welcome, Gwen, to your NMNEC Curriculum Committee Co-Chair role!

NMNEC Committees

It is the start of a new academic year and after a summer break for most NMNEC committees and groups, the collaborative faculty work that maintains and grows the consortium that is NMNEC is starting up again. NMNEC faculty from each NMNEC Curriculum and Affiliate Member programs are encouraged to participate on NMNEC committees to share the unique perspectives of your program and to report back to your program what is happening with NMNEC.

All NMNEC committees and groups meet via Zoom.

If you are not a current committee member, join now!

Send an email about your interest to staff@nmnec.org

Who are the current NMNEC committee members?

[Click here](#) to see the current NMNEC committee membership list.

What NMNEC committee do you want to join?

Check out the [Organizational Structure](#) page on NMNEC website which has links to the NMNEC Committee pages.

When do NMNEC committees meet?

[Click here](#) for calendar version of the overall NMNEC committee meeting schedule or [click here](#) for the list of committee meeting dates by committee.

New NMNEC Simulation Subcommittee Starting to Meet this Fall!



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Last spring, NMNEC Curriculum Committee and NMNEC Simulation Leaders met together and reviewed the NMNEC Simulation Plan in relation to the ongoing implementation of curricular updates. Out of that meeting, Simulation Leaders expressed a desire to become their own group and start meeting to share simulation resources. Starting in September 2023, the **NMNEC Simulation Subcommittee** (subcommittee of the NMNEC Curriculum Committee) will start meeting monthly. Dr. Cheryl Lombardi (NMSU) graciously volunteered to chair this group to get it started.

If you are a simulation Leader and we have your name in our Simulation Leaders Group (see committee membership link above) , you will receive an email soon with the meeting schedule (3rd Thursday of month at 4-5pm) and Zoom information. If not on list, send your interest in joining to staff@nmnec.org.

[SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming 2023 Fall NMNEC Statewide Faculty Meeting!](#)



NOVEMBER 3 2023

SAVE THE DATE

**2023 FALL
NMNEC STATEWIDE FACULTY MEETING**

TENTATIVE TIME: ALL DAY

VENUE: IN-PERSON

SITE: SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TOPIC(S): TBD

**PUT THIS IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW!
FURTHER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON**

More information will be posted in the [Upcoming Events](#) area of the NMNEC website as it becomes available.

