



NMNEC Statewide Impact Brief

Advancing Nursing Education Together

In 2009, leaders from several New Mexico public universities and community colleges formed the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) to expand access to nursing education, particularly in rural communities, through a shared, concept-based curriculum that strengthens educational quality and supports student success.

Today, NMNEC's pre-licensure registered nursing (RN) curriculum is implemented across 12 programs at 16 locations, serving approximately 1,600 students annually.

NMNEC's impact extends beyond the curriculum. Faculty and program leaders share expertise, teaching strategies, assessment approaches, and resources. This collaboration reduces duplication, encourages innovation, strengthens curriculum quality, and helps nursing programs respond to New Mexico's evolving healthcare needs.

In 2026, NMNEC became a nonprofit organization to sustain and advance its statewide collaborative work, with the Leadership Council using "NMNEC Support" to refer to the structure that supports the consortium.

Looking ahead, NMNEC will focus on expanding educational pathways, advancing the statewide Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) curriculum, developing faculty, using data to drive improvement, and strengthening partnerships to meet New Mexico's nursing workforce needs.

What began as a shared curriculum has grown into a statewide collaborative network. Together, NMNEC's partners can expand opportunities, strengthen nursing education, and help prepare the nurses New Mexico needs for the future.