

Transforming Nursing Education in New Mexico: The New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium

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The Problem

Nursing Workforce

- By 2025, it is expected that the nursing workforce shortage will reach 40%.
- Currently, New Mexico is ranked 50th in the nation for nurses per population.
- Even though workforce diversity is essential to providing quality care, only 7.2% of the nation's enrolled nurses represent underserved minorities

Nursing Education

- Each year, nursing programs in New Mexico turn away hundreds of applicants.
- There are few opportunities for pre-licensure baccalaureate nursing degrees.
- A lack of BSN-prepared nurses means a lack of potential future faculty.

NMNEC Partnerships

Albuquerque Public Schools	New Mexico State University-Carlsbad
Central New Mexico Community College	New Mexico State University-Dona Ana
Eastern New Mexico University	Northern New Mexico College
Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell	Pima Medical College
ITT Technical Institute	San Juan College
New Mexico Board of Nursing	Santa Fe Community College
New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence	University of New Mexico
New Mexico Highlands University	University of New Mexico-Gallup
New Mexico Junior College	University of New Mexico-Taos
New Mexico State University	Western New Mexico University
New Mexico State University-Alamogordo	

The Solutions

NM Nursing Education Consortium

- The New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) is a group of nursing faculty members from across the state committed to team work and shared resources
- NMNEC has three main goals:
 1. BSN-prepared nurses in home communities
 2. Effectively sharing faculty and learning resources
 3. Increase workforce diversity by improving access to nursing education

The Impact

Cost Efficiency

Increased enrollment, but cost containment through shared resources

Educational Access and Quality

Degrees obtained in home communities, with shared resources from schools across the state

Sustainable, Quality Care

Larger workforce of diverse, highly-educated nurses and faculty

