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## **NORTHERN New Mexico College**

## **Articulation Agreement**

between
Northern New Mexico College's RN to BSN Program
and
NMNEC Associate Degree Nursing Programs

Northern New Mexico College (NNMC), pursuant to NMNEC Recommendations for Acceptance of NMNEC ADN Courses as Upper Level RN-BSN Courses (NMNEC, September 13, 2018) do hereby enumerate the specifics of an articulation agreement between NNMC's baccalaureate degree nursing program (RN to BSN Program) and statewide New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) associate degree nursing (ADN) programs, understand the following:

- 1. That NMNEC is committed to building multiple pathways into nursing education including increased accessibility to baccalaureate degree nursing education;
- 2. The NMNEC Curriculum is uniquely designed in that the ADN curriculum is embedded within the BSN curriculum, and ADN coursework incorporates essentially accepted essentials of BSN education;
- 3. The NMNEC ADN coursework embedded within the NMNEC BSN coursework have common course numbers, course names, course descriptions, course objectives, concepts, and content;
  - For example, ADN NMNC 1235 Health Assessment & Promotion is the same course as BSN NMNC 3235 Health Assessment & Promotion, which removes the need for the NMNEC ADN student to repeat this course in a NMNEC BSN program.
  - This demonstrates the equivalence of 1000-2000 level coursework as the same for 3000-4000 level coursework within the NMNEC pre-licensure BSN programs based on established equivalencies that have been accepted by the NM Higher Education Department (NMHED).
- 4. To further expand the goal of increased accessibility to baccalaureate degree nursing education, NMNEC recommends that NMNEC ADN Programs and NM state-funded RN to BSN Programs build mechanisms that recognize NMNEC 1000-2000 level ADN courses as equivalent to the 3000-4000 level NMNEC BSN courses;
- 5. NMNEC recommends that NM state-funded RN to BSN program accept the NMNEC ADN courses as 3000-4000 level RN to BSN courses where appropriate;

To that end, the NNMC Registrar agrees to accept in transfer NMNEC 1235/3235 Health Assessment & Promotion (4 credits) as equivalent to NURS 4420 Integral Health Assessment (3 credits), and NMNEC 4320 Professional Nursing Concepts 1 (3 credits) as equivalent to NURS 4450 Community and Global Health I (3 credits). This agreement removes the need for

a student to repeat these courses and provides opportunities for students to take additional elective coursework that focuses on nursing topics of interest. Students must complete a minimum of 40 credits of upper division courses.

Students who have successfully passed NMNEC 1235/3235 and/or NMNEC 2320/4320 and opt not to take NURS 4420 (3) or NURS 4450 (3) will need to take 3-6 credits of upper division course electives (in any discipline) in order to fulfill the 40 credits of upper division coursework required for this degree.

Signatures

Print name: NNMC Dean, College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Print name: NNMC\Provost & VP

For Academic Affairs

Melissa Wohltman Print name: NMNEC ADN Program

Director

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