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NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option Admission Guide

Spring 2018 Application Cycle
June 15-September 15, 2017

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Program Information and Overview

The New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option is a partnership between Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) and the University of New Mexico College of Nursing (UNM) that allows students to obtain an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) concurrently. On BSN completion, students will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) licensing exam with the New Mexico State Board of Nursing.

This is a competitive application screening, with 24 available slots. Students are applying to a five-term program, which will be 20 months in duration, running continuously through the fall, spring, and summer terms.

Students are responsible for tuition and fees at both CNM and UNM, with financial aid and scholarships available through UNM, if eligible.

Please note that students must complete at least 30 UNM credit hours to be eligible for graduation at UNM. A total of 27 credits are offered in the Nursing core coursework (21 required nursing credits and 6 upper division electives); students will need to take at least one additional 3-credit course at UNM to fulfill this requirement.

Contact Information

CNM

School of Health, Wellness & Public Safety
(505) 224-4111
CPE@cnm.edu
www.cnm.edu/CPE

UNM

College of Nursing
(505) 272-4223
HSC-CON-StudentServices@salud.unm.edu
<http://nursing.unm.edu>

NursingCAS

(617) 612-2880
nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org
www.NursingCAS.org

Minimum Application Requirements

To be considered for the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option, applicants must:

- Complete all required prerequisite classes with a grade of “C” (not “C–”) or better by the beginning of Nursing Level-1 classes.
- Achieve at least a 2.75 grade point average (GPA) in the required classes.
- Complete the HESI A2 exam, scoring a minimum of 75% overall and on each subtest in Math, Reading, Grammar, Biology, Chemistry, and Vocabulary.
- Complete the NursingCAS application from June 15-September 15, 2017.
- Send official college transcripts from all institutions attended to NursingCAS for verification and processing by September 15, 2017.
- Successfully complete CNM’s Pre-Registration Screening form dates TBD.
- Be a current CNM student. This is defined as being able to register for classes, you do not currently have to be taking classes at CNM.
- Be eligible for admission to UNM. For information regarding eligibility, visit www.unm.edu/apply.

Failure to complete any of the above steps will result in ineligibility, and your application will not be processed.

NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option Prerequisites

Prerequisite Classes that must be completed prior to application (listed with CNM Numbers)

Freshman Composition I–Eng 1101	3 credits
Freshman Composition II–Eng 1102	3 credits
Humanities*	3 credits
Introduction to Psychology–Psy 1105	3 credits
Biology for Health Sciences lecture & lab–Biol 1410 and Biol 1492	4 credits
Elements of General Chemistry lecture & lab–Chem 1410 and Chem 1492	4 credits
Introduction to Probability and Statistics–Math 1330	3 credits
Human Nutrition–Nutr 2110	3 credits
Growth & Development–Psy 2220	3 credits

Classes that must be in progress or completed at the time of application. These classes, if in progress, must be at CNM in order to be acceptable for the screening period.

Health Sciences Microbiology lecture & lab–Biol 2210 and Biol 2192	4 credits
Anatomy & Physiology I–Biol 2210	3 credits
Pathophysiology I–Biol 2710**	3 credits
Social/Behavioral Sciences*	3 credits
Foreign Language or Humanities *	3 credits

*See UNM Core for compatible classes. We highly recommend the completion of a foreign language due to the intensity of our nursing program.

Application Scoring

The University of New Mexico College of Nursing (UNM CON) utilizes a 90-point system for the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option, and eligible applicants will be ranked with the following scoring:

50 points is HESI A2 Composite Score

40 points is GPA calculated in the classes completed in Prerequisite Semester 1 and Prerequisite Semester 2. These classes are listed above as “Prerequisite classes that must be completed prior to application.”

Total: 90 points

UNM CON will not consider prior degrees, recommendations, references, prior nursing experience, volunteer work, or any factors other than the “Application Scoring” listed above.

Before You Apply

- Applicants are encouraged to research the field of nursing and volunteer or work in the health care industry to gain knowledge of professional duties and responsibilities.
- Students are eligible to apply for admission after the successful completion of the courses listed under “Prerequisite classes that must be completed prior to application” on page 3.
- All prerequisites in progress at the time of application must be completed by the end of Fall 2017 with a “C” or better prior to program admission.
- Application to UNM’s nursing program requires a minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.75.
- Application to CNM’s nursing program requires a minimum overall GPA of 2.75
- All prerequisite classes must be completed with a letter grade of “C” or better. Plus and minus grades will be factored into the admission GPA calculation.
- If a course has been taken more than once, the highest grade received will be used for calculation.
- Admission into the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option is competitive, with 24 available spots chosen from an average applicant pool of 150. Completion of prerequisite courses does not guarantee entrance into the program. Applicants should have alternative options and apply to as many schools as possible.

Admission Process

Applications are evaluated on a 90-point scale (see “Application Scoring” above). Applicants must meet minimum eligibility requirements, and only complete applications submitted by the application deadline will be considered and evaluated. Applicants are ranked, with the top 24 offered a spot for the incoming cohort. The NMNEC CNM/UNM

Dual Degree Option does not have a waiting list. Applicants who are not accepted may reapply in future cycles with no penalty or advantage.

Timeline for Spring 2018 Admission

- June 15, 2017: the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option NursingCAS application period opens.
- August 18-23, 2017: NursingCAS application site closes. Plan accordingly.
- September 13, 2017: the last HESI A2 exam testing date for the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option.
- September 15, 2017 by 9:59 MST: the Fall 2017 NursingCAS application deadline, meaning that applications must be submitted and paid for by the indicated day and time.
- September 15, 2017: official transcripts must be received, but not verified, by NursingCAS. This is not a postmarked deadline.
- November 30, 2017: applicants will be notified of the UNM CON admission decision by the end of November via the email they used on their application to NursingCAS. All admission decisions are final.
- Applicants offered admission must successfully complete all in-progress classes, including prerequisites, before final admission status is complete. This will be verified by submission of an official transcript to UNM CON.
- Prior to the January 2018 start date: a mandatory NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option Orientation will be held via an online Zoom Orientation.
- January 2018: classes start.

How to Apply

The UNM CON utilizes NursingCAS for all undergraduate Pre-Licensure Option applications, including applications to NMNEC partner schools.

We require:

- The applicant to enter all academic coursework for all college-level institutions, even if the course is not a prerequisite or directly related to the nursing major.
- The applicant to submit all official transcripts to NursingCAS for verification and processing. The UNM CON no longer accepts transcripts for applications.

Transcript Requirements

Transcripts must meet the following requirements to be considered “official” by NursingCAS:

1. A Registrar’s seal and/or legible signature must be included on the transcript.
2. The transcript must be mailed directly to NursingCAS from the Registrar’s Office of the school where the course was taken.
3. The transcript cannot be marked “Issued to Student” or “Student Copy.”

4. The transcript must reflect all relevant, correct information for the applicant identified on the application.
5. Transcripts cannot be gathered by the student and then mailed to NursingCAS. As stated above, they must come directly from the institution's Registrar's Office.

All questions regarding transcripts must be directed to NursingCAS, as the UNM CON does not have access to them until they have been received and processed by NursingCAS.

NursingCAS Application Checklist and Tips

Before starting your application, it is recommended that you gather all required information and materials:

- Check nursing.unm.edu for application deadlines and details.
- Obtain and print out unofficial transcripts from all college-level institutions attended.
- As you enter your coursework, we suggest you go line by line, highlighting or checking off classes as you enter them.
- Give yourself plenty of time to complete the NursingCAS application. The average time for completion is between 1-2 hours, depending on the amount of coursework.
- We do not require any information, including references, in the "Supporting Information" section. Materials submitted will not be reviewed, please do not submit them.
- For any foreign language course (e.g., Spanish, French, ASL, etc.), select "Foreign Language" for the subject.
- When selecting subjects, stay as general or as close to the course code as possible. For example, when inputting "Anatomy & Physiology I," select Biology instead of Anatomy.
- For Certified Nursing Assistant classes, we suggest you enter Nursing as the subject.

HESI A2 Information

The NMNEC HESI A2 Exam is required to pursue entry into the CNM Nursing Program and the UNM CON. The NMNEC HESI A2 is a computerized exam consisting of six sections.

A \$55.00 fee is required to register for the HESI A2 Exam. A minimum score of 75% composite score and 75% section score is required.

The HESI A2 exam consists of the following:

- The exam contains six sections:
 1. Grammar
 2. Reading Comprehension
 3. Vocabulary and General Knowledge

4. Biology
 5. Chemistry
 6. Math
- You have 4.5 hours to complete the exam.
 - The exam is immediately scored after completion.
 - Results are valid for 1 year.
 - You may attempt the HESI A2 Exam twice in any 12-month period.
 - The second attempt must be a minimum of 45 days after the first attempt.
 - The third attempt may be scheduled 1 year after the second attempt.

HESI A2 Exam Registration

For a current list of dates, please go to www.cnm.edu/wtc and click on “Course Offerings.” The exam is listed under “Testing & Assessments.”

You will need to register online at www.cnm.edu/wtc and click on “Sign-In.” If you have not been to the site before, you will need to click on “Create New Profile.” All major credit cards are accepted.

You must pre-register for the exam; no walk-ins are allowed. Seating is limited for each date, and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is not guaranteed until the \$55.00 exam fee is paid.

Once you have registered and paid for the exam, you will need to go to www.evolve.elsevier.com to create your Evolve username and password. You must bring this user name and password to the exam and any retests.

All cancellations and rescheduling must be received 2 business days prior to the exam date. To cancel or reschedule an exam, you must call the registration desk, at (505) 224-5206. CNM will only allow one rescheduling of the exam. After that, students need to either attend the exam or they will no longer be eligible for a refund. If applicants are unsure about when they want to take the exam, we will encourage them to cancel/refund the registration and reregister when they are ready.

HESI A2 Testing Location

CNM Workforce Training Center
5600 Eagle Rock Ave
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113

It is located West of I-25 and Alameda.

HESI A2 Day of Testing

- A photo ID is required for check-in.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start of the exam.

- No outside materials will be allowed (e.g., cell phones, books, notebooks, calculators, electronic devices, etc.).
- You will be provided a calculator, pencils, and paper.
- Additional resources, such as a conversion table or period table, will not be provided.
- At sign-in, indicate that you would like your scores to be sent to both UNM and CNM for verification.

Information and Questions Regarding the HESI A2

CNM Workforce Training Center
 (505) 224-5206
 WTCTesting@cnm.edu

Non-Albuquerque HESI A2 Testing Locations

For more information regarding HESI A2 Distance Testing, please contact UNM CON at HSC-CON-StudentServices@salud.unm.edu. It is the test-taker's responsibility to find a HESI A2 testing location prior to the posted HESI A2 deadline. Approved testing sites are located at Prometric Testing Centers.

Examples of HESI A2 Prep Materials

Admission Assessment Exam Review, 4th Edition

Elsevier and HESI

ISBN-10: 0323353789

Content review and practice questions

Pass the HESI A2: A Complete Study Guide with Practice Questions (Paperback)

Complete Test Preparation Team

ISBN-10: 1478296968

Content review and practice questions

HESI A2 Secrets

Mometrix

ISBN-10: 1609710142

Content review and practice questions

Practice the HESI A2: Practice Test Questions for the HESI A2 (Paperback)

Mometrix

ISBN-10: 1621200574

Two complete practice tests with explanations, does not include review material

McGraw-Hill's 3 Evolve Reach HESI A2 Practice Tests (Paperback)

Kathy Zahler

ISBN-10: 0071800573

Three complete practice tests with explanations, does not include review material

Nursing School Entrance Exams, 6th Edition

Kaplan

ISBN-10: 1618656023

Content review and practice questions

Nursing School Entrance Exams, 2nd edition

ISBN-10: 0071810498

Content review and practice questions

Remember, the NMNEC HESI A2 does not test on Anatomy and Physiology or Physics. Please disregard these sections in your test prep.

Uploading Your HESI A2 Score Into NursingCAS

You are required to upload a copy of your HESI A2 score into NursingCAS. You will upload your score under the “Program Materials” section of NursingCAS under the “Documents” tab, listed as Test Score Report. You may obtain your results from your Elsevier/Evolve account or by scanning your results yourself and then uploading them. Do not take photos of your exam report in order to upload. Note that any applicant caught tampering with HESI A2 scores will immediately be dismissed from the application pool and reported to their respective academic institution.

FAQs Regarding the NursingCAS Application

Do I have to enter my entire academic history in addition to the prerequisites?

Yes, you need to enter all college-level course work, in addition to the required prerequisites to complete the application. This includes “W”s, “F”s, and “Credit/No Credit” classes. There is no exception to this requirement.

It is asking me for references. Do I need to include references or other information in the “Supporting Information” section?

These are not required and will not be looked at when ranking applicants. Please do not include them in your application. In the “Supporting Information” section, please select “I am not adding any references/achievements/experiences/licensure and certifications” to complete the section.

If I have already sent my official transcripts to UNM, do I still need to send them to NursingCAS?

Yes, you still need to send all official transcripts to NursingCAS for processing and verification. The UNM CON will not accept application transcripts under any circumstances.

Where do I send my official transcripts?

You are required to send all official transcripts to:

NursingCAS Transcript Processing Center

P.O. Box 9201

Watertown, MA 02471

Does NursingCAS accept electronic transcripts?

Possibly. Contact NursingCAS to see if your institutions are supported.

The NursingCAS application is asking me to list my classes by Freshman, Sophomore, etc. How do I figure that out?

UNM and other institutions use the following breakdown:

Freshman	0 - 26 hours
Sophomore	27 - 59 hours
Junior	60 - 89 hours
Senior	90 hours and beyond

This is general and is for reporting purposes only. It is not considered in your individual application.

Do I have to submit my high school transcript?

No, we do not require high school transcripts. The only transcripts we require are official college transcripts sent directly to NursingCAS for processing and verification. See above for the official transcript requirements.

I have taken Engl 111 and Engl 112 at UNM. Which grade do I enter in the NursingCAS application?

Enter the highest grade received from either Eng 111 or Eng 112.

I'm unable to attach the "Transcript Request Form" from NursingCAS. What should I do?

If you are unable to attach the "Transcript Request Form," please send your official transcript directly to NursingCAS. Once received, NursingCAS will match your transcripts to your NursingCAS application.

When should I submit my NursingCAS application?

Once you have completed the application, you may submit it. Keep in mind that you may submit your application even if your transcripts haven't arrived at NursingCAS.

Where do I upload my HESI A2 score?

See the section titled "Uploading Your HESI A2 Score Into NursingCAS" on page 9.

Who should I contact with questions about NursingCAS once I start my application?

NursingCAS has a dedicated customer service team available to applicants. Please contact customer service for any questions or concerns, including inquiries about application status, verification, receipt of supporting materials, how to complete the application, uploading documents, or submitting reference requests.

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm EST

and Fridays, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST

Website: <http://www.nursingcas.org/>

Email: nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org

Phone: 617-612-2880

Facebook: www.facebook.com/nursingcas

Twitter: www.twitter.com/nursingcas

YouTube: www.youtube.com/nursingcas

I applied for a previous application cycle. Will I have to resend my transcripts to NursingCAS again?

You will only need to send an updated transcript from institutions where you took classes after submission.

What are the suggested browsers on which to navigate NursingCAS?

NursingCAS works best on Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox.

NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option FAQs

What is NMNEC?

The New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) is a collaborative of every state-funded nursing program across the state of New Mexico. It is a common curriculum in nursing providing seamless transfer from one school to another. This means that if you start the NMNEC nursing program at one state-funded school, you can continue in another part of New Mexico. This allows applicants to maximize their application possibilities and apply to as many schools as possible by completing the NMNEC curriculum. For a list of NMNEC schools, visit NMNEC.org.

How many spots does the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option have?

There are 24 available spots for both our fall and spring admission cohorts.

How competitive is the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option?

Admission to the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option is competitive, as we historically have always had more eligible applicants than available spots. Average

historical GPAs are above 3.5 and HESI A2 scores are above 90%. However, we encourage all eligible applicants to apply.

Does the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option have a waitlist?

No, the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Program does not have a waitlist. If applicants are not accepted, they must reapply and submit a new application in a future cycle. We encourage applicants to meet with an advisor to discuss how to strengthen their application. Statistics from each application pool are unique.

Do classes ever expire?

No, classes do not have an expiration date in regard to admission and application cycles.

I have taken a higher level Biology or Chemistry course. Do I have to take the Biology or Chemistry course listed?

The UNM CON will allow the following substitutions with their CNM transfer equivalents:

- Biol 1510 and Biol 1592 Molecular and Cell Biology (4 credits) for Biol 1410 and Biol 1492 Biology for Health Science lecture and lab.
- Chem 1710 and Chem 1792 General Chemistry I (4 credits) for Chem 1410 and Chem 1492 Elements of General Chemistry.

I have taken Biology 351 and 352L General Microbiology and the lab at UNM. Can I substitute it for Biology 239L Health Science Microbiology with the lab?

Yes, the CON will allow a direct substitution.

What are the historical average GPAs and HESI A2 scores?

Typical GPAs are above 3.5, with HESI A2 scores over 90%. As each application pool is different, we always encourage all eligible applicants to apply.

How many applicants apply for the 24 available spots?

Historical application pools have been over 150 eligible applicants.

What is the current tuition and fee schedule for the CON?

Please visit <http://nursing.unm.edu/prospective-students/tuition-and-financial-aid/index.html> for the most current tuition and fee schedule.

Is the UNM CON accredited?

The baccalaureate and master's programs at the UNM CON are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington DC 20036, (202) 887-6791, through December 31, 2022.

How long is the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option?

The NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option is a continuous lock-step 20-month, five-term program that runs through the summer. There are no exceptions to the program duration or sequencing.

How is the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option different from CNM's AAS in Nursing program?

The NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option is a partnership between CNM and UNM to allow students to concurrently obtain their AAS in Nursing and BSN. In the traditional AAS in Nursing program, students will be in a four semester program and will graduate with an AAS in Nursing. On completion students will be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensing exam with the New Mexico State Board of Nursing.

If a student who is not in the NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option would like to continue their education and obtain their BSN, they would be eligible for UNM's RN-BSN program. For more information on that program, visit nursing.unm.edu.

I have taken the TEAS V. Can I use that in place of the HESI A2 exam?

No, TEAS V scores cannot be substituted for HESI A2 scores. For more information regarding the HESI A2, see page 6.

When is the last day I can take the HESI A2 for the Spring 2018 NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree application cycle?

The last day for HESI A2 testing is Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Where can I find more information about UNM CORE?

Please visit <https://unmcore.unm.edu/>

NMNEC CNM/UNM Dual Degree Option Program of Studies

Level 1 Nursing

NRSG 1010	Introduction to Nursing Concepts	3 credits
NRSG 1015	Principles of Nursing Practice	4 credits
BIOL 2711	Pathophysiology II	3 credits
Nurs 332*	Evidence-Based Practice	3 credits

Level 2 Nursing

NRSG 1510	Health and Illness Concepts I	3 credits
NRSG 1520	Health Care Participant	3 credits
NRSG 1530	Nursing Pharmacology	3 credits
NRSG 1535	Assessment & Health Care Promotion	3 credits
Foreign Language		3 credits

Level 3 Nursing

NRSG 2010	Health and Illness Concepts II	3 credits
NRSG 2020	Professional Nursing Concepts	3 credits
NRSG 2090	Care of Patients with Chronic Conditions	3 credits
Nurs 300+*	Nursing Elective	3 credits
Fine Arts		3 credits

Level 4 Nursing

NRSG 2510	Health and Illness Concepts III	4 credits
NRSG 2515	Clinical Intensive I	4 credits
Nurs 402L*	Clinical Intensive II	4 credits
COMM 1130	Public Speaking	3 credits

Level 5 Nursing

Nurs 403L*	Clinical Intensive III	4 credits
Nurs 419L*	Capstone Practicum	4 credits
Nurs 454L*	Concept Synthesis	3 credits
Nurs 491*	Professional Nursing Concepts II	3 credits
Nurs 300+*	Nursing Elective	3 credits

*Denotes UNM Class

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