Celebrating 60 Years
College of Nursing is founded by Marion Fleck and Mary Jane Carter. Seventeen students enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. The first clinical site is established with Bernalillo County Indian Hospital and Bataan Memorial Methodist Hospital.

In 1956, the College is housed in old barracks near Zimmerman Library and the Yotoka Hall nursing lab. In 1959, the BSN program receives full accreditation from the National League for Nursing.

In 1961, the Baccalaureate program expands to accept registered nurses (RNs) for completion of upper-division nursing major. In 1966, the College awards BSN degrees to its first graduating class of 12 students. In 1969, the Colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy move into a new building equipped with video capability in all teaching/learning spaces.

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 Gamma Sigma chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International was established at UNM.

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College starts Geriatric Education & Health Maintenance Clinics

1988 - RN-to-BSN distance education program launched with interactive video links

First class of seven students graduates from the family nurse practitioner master’s program

1992 - First group of eight nurse-midwifery students begin their studies

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1978 - College extends its program to offer a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree

1980 - Administration in Nursing program is implemented

1982 - Post-master’s professional certificate in nursing is approved

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1988 - Certification

1988 - MSN program receives National League for Nursing accreditation

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1981 - Expansion

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Dean Carmen Westwick 1975-1978

Dean Barbara Rees 1981-1986

Dean Estelle Rosenblum 1986-1991

Dean Kathleen Bond 1991-1994

Interim Dean Judy Haun 1987-1988

Interim Dean Estelle Rosenblum 1988-1991

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1995 - Online courses replace educational outreach learning taught via satellite links

1996 - College opens the Faculty Practice Clinic.

2001 - RN-to-BSN program is offered completely online

2002 - MSN program offers a New Acute Care Nurse Practitioner concentration

2003 - College admits 11 students to its new PhD program

2006 - MSN program offers new pediatric nurse practitioner concentration

2007 - First PhD students graduate

2008 - College partners with UNM's Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy to offer a PhD in health policy

2009 - New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) is established

2011 - College opens health center at Architecture Construction and Engineering Leadership High School

2012 - The Virginia P. Crenshaw Endowed Chair becomes the College's first endowed chair.

2013 - College partners with Veterans Affairs Health Care System to prepare students to meet veterans' needs

2014 - The College and Central NM Community College form the first NMNEC partnership to offer the BSN on a community college campus.

2016 - Nine students admitted to the first Post Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Executive Organizational Leadership cohort

2018 - The College and Central NM Community College form the first NMNEC partnership to offer the BSN on a community college campus.