







NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY NURSING PROGRAM

Program Overview
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Program Overview

-  NTD's Nursing Program previously closed in 2015?
-  2021-2024 - work began to reopen program, led by Dr. Michelle Kahn John
-  Fall Semester 2024- planned program launch
-  Spring 2025- program launch 10 students
First class to graduate before next class starts
-  Graduation planned for December, 2026
-  Next recruitment cycle - Summer 2026

NTU Nursing Program Team

Dr. Michelle Kahn John, PhD, PMHNP-BC, GNP-NTU RN Program Consultant

Dr. Chris Young, DNP, Full Time -- Serving as Interim during Michelle's Fellowship

Dr. Omosehin Moyebi, PhD, non-nurse RN Program Faculty

Geraldine Slim, Administrative Assistant and RN Student Advisor

Emmeline Thompson, BSN, MSN, MBA, Part Time Faculty

Dr. Cristina Rivera Carpenter, PhD, RN, NE-BC, CEPN, NTU RN Program Director

Evelyn Garcia, MSN, RN, Full Time Faculty

Merlyea Upshaw, MSN, RN, Part Time Faculty

Program Accomplishments



New modular buildings, renovation



RN Program Director Mentoring Model



NM Expansion Grant Support



UNM and NTU Faculty Mentoring Model



Faculty training on concept-based curriculum









Wholistic Admissions









7 students progressing to Level II

Curricular Overview

-  NMNEC Curriculum Concept-based
-  Pre/co-requisites-78 credit AAS program
-  Level One: ATI
-  Level Two: ATI and incorporating other resources
-  Clinical Placements
-  Ability to localize learning

Program Challenges

-  Rurality and resource limitations
-  Structural and social barriers- housing, finances
-  Students and faculty work demands
-  Faculty new to teaching
-  Learning curve regarding concept-based curriculum
-  Student academic preparedness

Program Needs



Continued professional development and faculty mentoring



Specialty clinical placements



Simulation capabilities



Additional financial aid resources for students



Support in developing level 2-4 curriculum



Instructional Design Support

Priority Need – Simulation Capabilities

- NTU Nursing Program currently receives funding from the New Mexico Nursing Expansion Grant
- A priority need is the capability for simulation- two simulators and faculty training and support
 - *Clinical readiness*
 - *Patient safety*
 - *Educational standard*
- Additional financial need is 300,000 above current funding

Program Strengths

- Mentorship and expert guidance
- Faculty
 - *Recruitment*
 - *Indigenous and local faculty*
- Small class size
- Deep support for students
 - *Study groups*
 - *Tutoring*
 - *WhatsApp*
- Ability to pivot/refocus when needed
- Class cohesiveness
- New classrooms
- Committed staff, faculty and administrators

QUESTIONS AND
DISCUSSIONS

