

Program Goals, Objectives, and Student Learning Outcomes

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program

Western New Mexico University School of Nursing

Program Goals

Graduates of the MSN program with its focus on community and rural/frontier health will:

1. Become a leader in promoting improvement in quality outcomes in the healthcare system through initiatives, interprofessional collaboration, education, and innovation.
2. Demonstrate excellence and professionalism in practice, patient-provider relationships, collaboration, and community.
3. Develop the habit of utilizing evidence-based practices to solve issues or problems in healthcare, community, and global settings.

Program Objectives

The MSN program with its focus on community and rural/frontier healthcare strives to facilitate the ability of graduate nursing students to achieve the following objectives:

1. **Excellence** in clinical practice and healthcare delivery to communities and rural/frontier areas.
2. **Integrity** as healthcare professionals entrusted with the lives of individuals, especially those who reside in communities and rural/frontier areas of southwestern New Mexico.
3. **Leadership** as healthcare professionals dedicated to the overall health and well-being of communities and rural/frontier areas.
4. **Scholarship** by means of maintaining an attitude of lifelong learning.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the MSN program with its focus on community and rural/frontier health will:

1. Employ collaborative strategies in the design, coordination, and evaluation of outcomes across diverse populations to improve quality of care.
2. Apply decision-making and leadership skills in the provision of culturally-responsive, high-quality healthcare through community partnerships.
3. Translate evidence into practice from nursing science and other sciences into the delivery of care to rural/frontier underserved communities.
4. Analyze current and emerging technologies to support safe practice environments and to optimize patient safety, cost effectiveness, and health outcomes.
5. Advocate for care that is based on ethical principles and respects diversity, equity, and inclusion.