

Document 8 – Summary report or recommendations from respective Department members

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The UNM-Gallup Nursing Program benefits Gallup and the surrounding rural areas because it helps to fill the many open positions for nurses. Given the fact that the nation is facing a nursing shortage crisis, this problem is even more pronounced in this region. Having this nursing program allows local students to get an education close to home and increases the number of minority nurses, more specifically Native American nurses.

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The University of New Mexico – Gallup Nursing Program is a source of pride for the surrounding community. Our community, including area healthcare facilities, patients and students hold a high degree of trust for this ACEN accredited program. This is due to tuition affordability, high standards for both students and faculty, our high fidelity simulation suite (available to area hospitals and EMS for training), and faculty who have in fact received their initial degrees from UNM- Gallup. Recently the UNM – Gallup Nursing Program was ranked 5th for nursing programs in the state of New Mexico. Personally, I appreciate my job here due to the opportunities for degree advancement and faculty camaraderie. We function as a team, not always agreeing, but always finding a solution that works best for students and faculty alike. Our student and faculty population exemplify diversity, helping to balance the lack of cultural variety within the nursing population in the United States.

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The UNMG Nursing Program is an essential program in this area. Our local healthcare facilities are always in need of registered nurses. People hired from outside to work at our facilities do not stay in our area. The program serves the rural areas by training local students to become registered nurses who will fill the jobs left by outside contractors. Students can stay close to their families and friends while they are at UNMG. Because these students are local, they are willing to stay and work at our facilities. Most of the nurses working at our local hospitals, GIMC and RMCH, are graduates of this program. I am also a graduate of this program. I have worked for RMCH for three years as a nurse, and I am now part of this program as a nursing educator, teaching and training the next batch of nurses to serve our community.

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The UNMG nursing program helps the college achieve its vision for the community and its mission as an educational institution. UNMGs nursing program graduates reflect the rich cultural background of the community and surrounding area. This outcome addresses the cultural awareness of the UNMG vision as well as the educational and professional goals of the mission. Native and non-native students can graduate and work in their own communities, providing a path out of poverty and giving youth positive role models. UNMG nursing graduates also help meet the healthcare provider needs of two large hospitals, nursing homes, multiple walk-in clinics, schools, and dialysis clinics. Alumni surveys show the majority of graduates stay and work in the Gallup area. The nursing program provides UNMG with a reliable number of credit hours in both the prerequisite

and nursing core courses. As part of the systematic plan of evaluation and continuous improvement, the UNMG nursing program plans to expand its degree offerings to include the BSN by fall of 2019. The UNMG nursing program strives to maintain ongoing improvement measures recognizing its value to the college campus and the community.

