

Addressing Community Needs through Dual Credit Health Care Partnerships



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Community
College

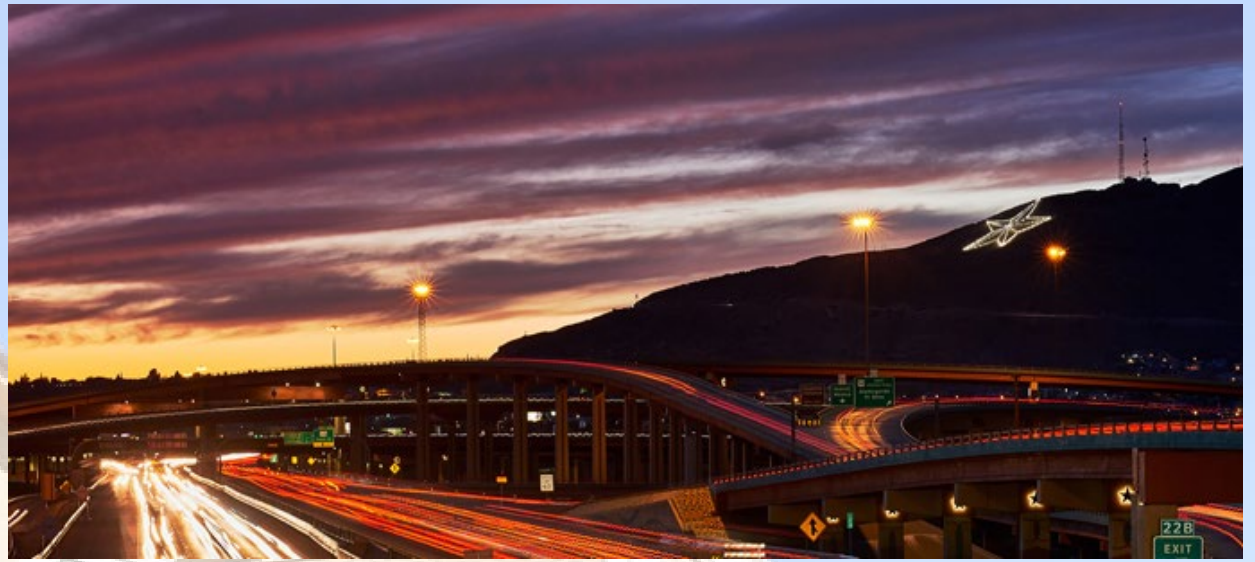
The Best Place to Start *and Finish!*



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Objectives

- Introduce the specific needs of the region
- Describe the pathways model
- Detail the collaborative processes and the partners involved
- Project future areas for pathway growth



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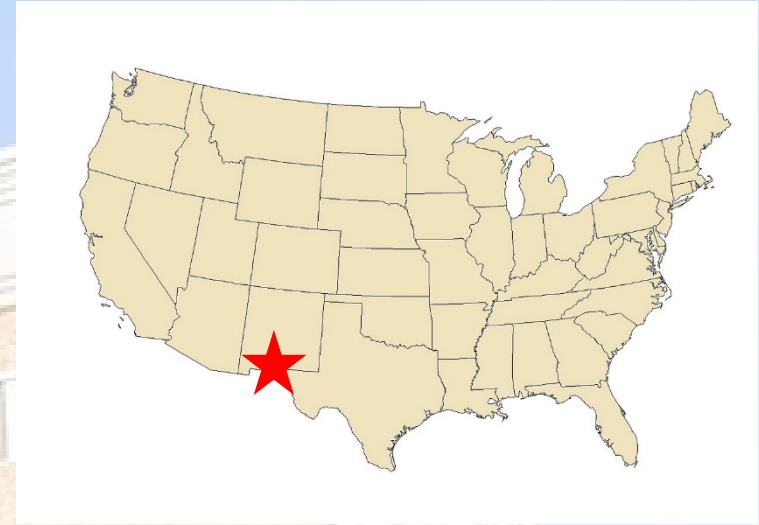


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Our Community

- Population
- Nursing Shortage
- Demand Necessitated Collaboration
- Three State Higher Education Institutions
- Two For Profit Nursing Programs



Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing

- Initial CCNE Accreditation
- Programs
 - ABSN, RN-BSN, Masters in Nursing Leadership
- Student Demographics
 - Average age 26 yo
 - > 70% Hispanic
- Well qualified applicants
- Greatest challenges are finances, heavy academic load



Origins of the Pathways Model

- Concurrent Enrollment Nursing Program
 - Applicants accepted conditionally prior to graduation from ADN program
 - Recent ADNs can take two BSN courses in the summer following graduation
 - MOUs signed with two community colleges in the Dallas area
 - Further MOU expansion was suppressed by TX legislation allowing community colleges to create their own RN-BSN programs
 - The most elusive MOU was one with El Paso Community College
 - MOUs with area ISDs

It took years...

- Talk, talk, talk!
- Dean of Dual Credit and Early College High Schools
- Created new relationships
- Agreed on mutually beneficial goals
- MOU
- Press conference



Key Processes

- MOUs:
 - Between ISDs and El Paso Community College (EPCC)
 - Between ISDs and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSCEP)
 - Between TTUHSCEP and EPCC
- Curriculum
 - Pre-requisite equivalency already achieved for community college coursework
- Advising
- Support for at risk students
 - Financial Aid
 - Case Management
- Advising
- Data Sharing

True Partnership

- Initial press conference
- National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) presentation
- ISD announcements: Bagpipes and Bulldogs!

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Future Pathway Opportunities

- Earlier concurrent enrollment
- CLEO (Experiential Learning) for Emergency Medical Services (EMSP), Health Services (HPRS), military healthcare specialist experience
- Future dental hygiene program (Dental School led)
 - Dual Credit Alignment in Dental Assisting (DNTC)
- Additional BSN Pathway Partnering Institutions

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