

# Programs of Study

## RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES CREDITS

ECME 2250	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ECME 2252	Teaching Young Children	3
ECME 2254	Developmentally Appropriate Early Childhood Multicultural Curriculum	3
ECME 2260	Observation and Assessment of Young Children	3
ECME 2262	Emergent Literacy: Theories and Principles	3
ECME 2264	Emergent Literacy: Methods and Materials	3
ECME 2390	Early Childhood Classroom Field Experience	3

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EDUC 2250	Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 2252	Teaching and Learning Theory	3
EDUC 2260	Fundamentals of Reading Instruction	3
EDUC 2262	Methods and Materials for Reading Instruction	3
EDUC 2284	Effective Teaching Methods and Strategies	3
EDUC 2285	Curriculum Development, Assessment and Evaluation	3
EDUC 2190	Supervised Field Experience	3

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EDUC 2250	Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 2252	Teaching and Learning Theory	3
EDUC 2264	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum in Secondary Education	3
EDUC 2284	Effective Teaching Methods and Strategies	3
EDUC 2285	Curriculum Development, Assessment and Evaluation	3
EDUC 2190	Supervised Field Experience	3

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## RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES CREDITS

EDUC 2260	Fundamentals of Reading Instruction	3
SPED 2250	Exceptionalities and Placement	3
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SPED 2258	Classroom and Behavior Management for Students with Special Needs	3
SPED 2260	Methods and Materials for Special Education	3
SPED 2272	Reading for Special Learners	3
SPED 2390	Special Education Supervised Field Experience	3

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# School of Communication, Humanities & Social Sciences Alternative Teacher Licensure

## Certificates in Education

Three to Four terms

- ▶ Early Childhood Multicultural Education
- ▶ Elementary Education
- ▶ Secondary Education
- ▶ Special Education

## Find a Rewarding New Career as a Public School Teacher!

- ▶ Inspire a lifelong love of learning
- ▶ Make a difference in children's lives
- ▶ Share insights from your life and professional career
- ▶ Give back to your community in a critical-need area



CNM TEACHER EDUCATION



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## Why Alternative Licensure?

Alternative Licensure was established by the New Mexico State Board of Education in 2000 to provide alternate routes into teaching for persons who hold a bachelor's, master's, law or doctoral degree but have not completed a traditional educator preparation program. Graduates of CNM's Alternative Licensure program are eligible to become fully licensed to teach in New Mexico.

These pathways were established to help address the teacher shortage and to provide new opportunities for qualified individuals to enter the teaching profession. Most students come to the program with diverse professional and personal experience. The valuable work, life and educational knowledge that these second or third career individuals bring informs their teaching and makes them uniquely suited to the demands of the classroom.



## Program Overview

Interested candidates must apply for admission to the Alternative Licensure program. Each concentration requires 18-21 credit hours of coursework in educational theory and teaching practice, as well as a supervised field experience class. After completing all coursework and passing all required NMTA exams, students are eligible to apply for Level I licensure.

These programs facilitate achievement of the New Mexico Public Education Department's entry-level teacher competencies. They also comply with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards, recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The rigor of the program results from curriculum designed to meet these competencies.

Completion of the program leads to a Certificate in one of four concentrations. For more guidance in choosing your concentration, please contact the CNM Academic Advisement and Career Development Office at **(505) 224-4321**. Coursework is also offered to help students add Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Bilingual and Gifted Education endorsements to their licenses.

**Early Childhood Multicultural Education:** for students interested in working with children from birth through third grade. This critical time establishes the basis for future learning and success, and is especially important for children at risk.



**Elementary Education:** for students interested in teaching kindergarten through eighth grade. Teachers in this pathway may teach all subjects in a self-contained classroom (typically in grades K-5) or specialize in one or two subject areas with multiple cohorts of students (more commonly in grades 6-8).

**Secondary Education:** for students interested in teaching in seventh through twelfth grades. Secondary teachers must choose to specialize in a specific subject area such as math, science, language arts or social studies. Alternative Licensure is ideal for teachers who have relevant expertise in a subject area from their previous educational or career experience.

**Special Education:** for students interested in working with pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade children with special needs. There is a wide spectrum of special needs that qualify individuals for special education services, including learning disabilities, visual or hearing impairments, emotional disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and autism.

## Employment Outlook

Teachers are in high demand in New Mexico, especially in these fields: special education (all levels), secondary science and/or math and bilingual elementary. Students accepted into the program are eligible to apply for a New Mexico Internship Teaching License, which allows them to begin teaching (often in high need areas) while they complete their coursework.

### Salary & Benefits

Salaries in New Mexico public schools start at approximately \$30,000 for first-year teachers, and range up to near \$60,000 for experienced teachers. Other advantages include:

- ▶ Opportunities for advancement within the educational profession
- ▶ Family-friendly schedule
- ▶ The ability to move to different geographic locations
- ▶ Excellent health, retirement and other benefits

