

# NMSU ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PROGRAM

**T**he New Mexico State University Alternative Licensure Program is a competitive post-baccalaureate, graduate level New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) approved teacher licensure pathway designed to prepare qualified classroom teachers. The alternative licensure program features face-to-face and online courses as well as university supervisors to facilitate on-going field coaching and mentoring. Each teacher candidate accepted to the alternative licensure program will meet licensure requirements within the two-year time limit set by the NMPED. NMSU is committed to building a professional learning community that is responsive to the context of an alternative licensure candidate and the diverse New Mexico communities they serve. We seek to guide practice, reflection, and ability to grow and remain in the profession.

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## ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION

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**T**he NMSU Alternative Licensure Program aims to recruit highly qualified individuals who have earned a bachelor's degree or higher in a related field and are eligible (see below for eligibility requirements) for a New Mexico alternative license pathway. We seek individuals who will have a positive impact on the social, cultural, emotional, and intellectual growth of children with whom they will work throughout their career.

### Conditional Acceptance (Eligibility)

A candidate is **\*conditionally** accepted when an evaluation of transcripts has been performed by the Clinical Director of Alternative Licensure to determine that the candidate:

Meets **minimum** state requirements of a bachelor's (or master's or doctoral) degree and course requirements of 30 undergraduate credit hours (6.60.3.9 NMAC) in the teaching field (or 12 graduate level courses) with a minimum 2.75 GPA (3.0 for NMSU Graduate School). You can find the state requirements for alternative licensure at:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/>.

Please send an unofficial transcript to Dr. Cecilia Hernandez ([cecimh@nmsu.edu](mailto:cecimh@nmsu.edu)) for evaluation along with the program application as outlined below (pg. 2).

*\*If a district hires a student but the student does not qualify for the alternative license program it is the responsibility of the student to notify the district of non-acceptance to the program.*

**A candidate is fully accepted to the program only when: an evaluation of transcripts has been performed; NMSU has received all the required documentation; AND a copy of intent to hire or teaching contract is received from the district.**

In the event of acceptance, the ALC must take steps to become a student at New Mexico State University through application to the Graduate School and the School of Teacher Preparation, Administration, and Leadership. (<http://gradadmissions.nmsu.edu/>)

- **Application deadlines will follow the Graduate School policy of application submission at least 30 days prior to registration for each semester. Failure to do so will result in a delay in completing the program in the time allotted.**

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## ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PROGRAM APPLICATION

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Dear Prospective Candidate,

On behalf of New Mexico State University (NMSU), we are pleased that you are interested in becoming a highly qualified teacher in the State of New Mexico! The NMSU Alternative Licensure Program is a New Mexico Public Education Department approved program of study that leads to an initial teacher license through competency-based study with practice-based curriculum that is culturally and linguistically responsive to the needs of children in New Mexico. The Program aims to improve student achievement by supporting the professional development of novice teachers through the internship licensure process.

The application process is designed to give you the opportunity to demonstrate eligibility for licensure and commitment to learning with a community of support that is accessible through online and face-to-face interactions. The application packet must consist of the following documents:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Unofficial Transcripts from all institutions attended.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Personal Contact Information (p. 3),
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Statement of Authenticity & Commitment (p. 4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A Letter of Interest that includes a current philosophy of teaching statement. What is your philosophy of education? That is, *what do you believe to be true about teaching and learning? What do you view as your role within the classroom as an educator? How would you adjust your teaching strategies to meet the needs of all students to ensure they master the learning material?*
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Current Resume (do not exceed 2-pages)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Three Letters of Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A copy of passing score results on the required NMTA (NES) Essential Academic Skills subtests Reading (001), Writing (002), and Math (003) or proof of registration.



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## STATEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY & COMMITMENT

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify with this Statement of Authenticity that the documents and statements referenced in and submitted as evidence for potential candidacy in the **NMSU Alternative Licensure Program** are complete, true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

***Please initial each statement***

\_\_\_\_ I understand that submission does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

\_\_\_\_ I in the event of acceptance, understand that I must have a **current** teaching contract as the teacher of record on file with the NMSU Alternative Licensure Program each year in order to remain in compliance.

\_\_\_\_ In the event of acceptance, I understand that I will become a student at New Mexico State University through application to the Graduate School.

\_\_\_\_ In the event of acceptance, I understand that I am responsible for enrolling in and completing all courses outlined in the program of study for the alternative licensure program to which I am accepted (elementary, secondary, or special education).

\_\_\_\_ In the event of acceptance, I understand failure to make satisfactory progress and maintain a 3.0 GPA will result in dismissal from the program.

\_\_\_\_ In the event of acceptance, I understand that I am responsible for paying the supervision fee (\$400/semester) for two consecutive semesters with a total of 10 observations (5/semester) completed by my assigned University Supervisor.

\_\_\_\_ In the event of acceptance, I understand that I am responsible for taking, passing, and submitting NES test score reports to the clinical director for **all** required New Mexico teacher licensure exams prior to program completion.

**Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_