



**ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE
FOR
ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION**

The Alternative Licensure Program for Teachers provides a course of study leading to teacher licensure. The program, approved by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the New Mexico Public Education Department, and the New Mexico Professional Standards Commission. This program offers elementary (K-8) and secondary (9-12) track course work. Students enrolled in the Alternative Licensure Program must complete all course work with a grade of B or higher, pass the required New Mexico Teachers Assessment Tests (NMTA), and complete other application requirements for licensure.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Each applicant must hold a degree from an accredited institution in a field other than education:
- Bachelor’s including 30 credits in a particular field; or Master’s, including 12 graduate credits in a particular field; or Doctorate in a particular field.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

After admission into the program and during the first semester of enrollment, you must pass the NMTA Basic Skills. Other assessments are required for teacher licensure.

- New Mexico Assessment of Teacher Competency (Elementary or Secondary).
- New Mexico Content Knowledge Assessment (Elementary, Secondary-level).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

In order to be accepted into the ALP program, the student must have already applied and been accepted to Northern and have had official transcripts from all colleges sent to the Office of Admissions.

The second step is to submit an application packet to Northern’s College of Education that includes: a letter of intent; a letter stating your philosophy of education; two letters of recommendation; copies of all transcripts to the Education Department; and an Alternative Licensure Program Application form. The student will be required to sign an Assurance form and their application packet will be reviewed by a selection committee.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

20 credit hours for the Elementary track and 18 credit hours for the Secondary track program, as approved by the New Mexico Public Education Department and the Professional Standards Commission.

	COMPLETED	PLANNED TIMELINE (By Semester)
ELEMENTARY (K-8)		
ED 401 Foundations of Education (3)	_____	_____
ED 412 Teaching and Diagnosis of Reading (Elem) (3)	_____	_____
ED 452 Pedagogy and Human Learning (3)	_____	_____
ED 464 Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (Elem) (3)	_____	_____
ED 493 The Integrated Elementary Classroom (2)	_____	_____
ED 494 Assessment and Evaluation of Student Learning (3)	_____	_____
ED 496 Supervised Field Experience (Elem) (1)	_____	_____
ED 496L Supervised Field Experience Lab (Elem) 2)	_____	_____
TOTAL CREDITS 20		
SECONDARY (7-12)		
ED 401 Foundations of Education (3)	_____	_____
ED 452 Pedagogy and Human Learning (3)	_____	_____
ED 462 Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (Sec) (3)	_____	_____
ED 474 Methods and Materials in Secondary Education (3)	_____	_____
ED 494 Assessment and Evaluation of Student Learning (3)	_____	_____
ED 498 Supervised Field Experience (Sec) (1)	_____	_____
ED 498L Supervised Field Experience Lab (Sec) (3)	_____	_____
TOTAL CREDITS 18		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	