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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 New Mexico Department of Public Education and the Professional Standards Commission, offers elementary and secondary track course work.

Students enrolled in the Alternative Licensure Program must complete all course work, pass the required New Mexico Teachers Assessment Tests (NMTA), and complete other application requirements for licensure.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant must hold a degree 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, Middle-Level, or Secondary-level).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

You must have already applied and been accepted to Northern and have had official transcripts from all colleges sent to the Office of Admissions.

Submit to Northern's Teacher Education Department an application packet that includes:

- Letter of intent
- A letter stating your philosophy of education
- Two letters of recommendation
- Copies of all transcripts to the Education Department
- Alternative Licensure Program Application form
- You will be required to sign an Assurance form

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 State Department of Public Education and the Professional Standards Commission.

ELEMENTARY (K-8)

Pre-Requisites for all courses is passing the NMTA

ED 401 Foundations of Education (3)

Co-Requisite: ED 452

ED 412 Teaching & Diagnosis of Reading (Elementary) (3)

ED 452 Pedagogy and Human Learning (3)

Co-Requisite: ED 401

ED 464 Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (Elementary) (3)

ED 493 The Integrated Elementary Classroom (2)

- ED 492 Assessment and Evaluation of Student Learning (3)
- ED 496/L Supervised Field Experience (Elementary) (3)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 20

SECONDARY (7-12)

- ED 401 Foundations of Education (3)
Pre-Requisite: Passing NMTA
- ED 452 Pedagogy and Human Learning (3)
Pre-Requisite: Passing NMTA
- ED 462 Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (3)
Pre-Requisite: ED 401
- ED 474 Methods and Materials for the Secondary Classroom (3)
- ED 492 Assessment and Evaluation of Student Learning (3)
Pre-requisite: ED 401
- ED 498/L Supervised Field Experience (3)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 18