Exhibit 3.3.a.1 Memorandum of Understanding

This cooperative agreement is made between Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) and the College of Education (COE); hereafter "College of Education" and the designated School/Center.

The NNMC's College of Education is accredited by the New Mexico Public Education Department which requires varied instructional experiences (full-time student teaching, field experience, or practicum) for its teacher candidates under the supervision of a licensed, mentor teacher.

Scope of Instructional Experiences:

1. Student teaching requires a full-time assignment under the supervision of a licensed, mentor teacher:
   - BA teacher candidates: Approximately 14 weeks (or a full semester), five days a week
   - ALP teacher candidates: 95-125 hours/semester, five days a week

2. Field experience/practicum students have a more limited classroom assignment ranging from observing a class/lesson to limited, supervised involvement such as teaching a lesson: 10-45 hours per college course, throughout the semester

General Processes:

The College of Education will submit a list of names, majors, minors, or grade levels of the prospective student teacher candidates or practicum candidates to the appropriate school/center administrator for specific assignments. Full-time student teaching candidates/supervised field experience/practicum candidate work assignments will be determined by the College of Education and the school/center administrator designee in collaboration.

The school/center insures that cooperating teachers provide appropriate supervision of student teaching/field experience/practicum candidates. Teacher candidates should be treated as professionals and be expected to follow all rules and regulations established by the district/school/center.