New Mexico Junior College

Alternative Licensure (AL) Program

Overview and Requirements for Admission

The Alternative Licensure Program is a 12 credit program with a supervised field experience component for participants who have completed a bachelor’s degree (or higher level degree) and want to become a teacher at the elementary level (K – 8th grade). Future students should consult the following information in preparation for acceptance into the Alternative Licensure Program.

After you read this document, complete the Online AL Application

The minimum requirement to apply for the Alternative Licensure Program is

1. Completion of a Bachelor’s degree (or higher level degree)
2. Completion of 30 credits of acceptable undergraduate courses across subject areas

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<th>Step 1</th>
<th>• Apply for admission to NMJC – Apply Online</th>
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| Step 2 | • Request transcripts from all colleges or universities previously attended be sent to NMJC registrar’s office  
• Complete AL program application and Candidate Agreement online  
• Applicants will be notified of preliminary acceptance by a faculty member. An interview appointment will be arranged and registration for classes will be made at that time. Registration of courses can only be made through a faculty member. |
| Step 3 | • Register for the New Mexico Assessment of Teacher Basic Skills test - http://www.nmta.nesinc.com/NM13_regoptions.asp  
Be aware the test is only offered a few times annually and at limited locations in the state. It is in the student’s best interest to register early.  
• The New Mexico Assessment of Teacher Basic Skills should be completed by the end of the student’s first term of enrollment (Fall, Spring, Summer). |
| Step 4 | • A background check must be completed, submitted, and accepted by NMJC as soon as possible (required prior to practicum assignments) |
| Step 5 | After passing the Basic Skills test, the student will be required to successfully pass the additional portions of the NM Teacher Assessment in order to be considered for a NM teaching license. (However, the student should not register for these tests until all coursework has been completed in the NMJC Alternative Licensure program. Seek counsel from your advisor for details.)  
• New Mexico Assessment of Teacher Competency  
• New Mexico Content Knowledge Assessment in Elementary Education http://www.nmta.nesinc.com/NM13_regoptions.asp |

Although college officials will provide assistance when possible, it is the final responsibility of the student to check all phases of his or her program of study.
Courses

*A student may enter the program at any point in the sequence of coursework. However, Elementary Field Experience must be taken the final semester (Fall or Spring).  
* Registration of courses can only be made through a faculty member.  
* A student should seek a formal audit by a member of the faculty (advisor) after the completion of two courses to meet the program requirement of “mid-point audit.”

ED 243  Teaching Elementary Reading  (3 credit hours)

ED ___  Elementary Curriculum & Teaching Methods  (3 credit hours)

ED ___  Early Literacy & Young Children  (3 credit hours)

ED ___  Elementary Field Experience  (3 credit hours)