



## Alternative Licensure Program

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Amid the COVID-19 health crisis and an ever-changing educational landscape, job opportunities for elementary, secondary, and special education teachers are expected to rise significantly. The anticipated demand for teachers will increase within area school districts with a projected growth in student enrollments both locally and nationally.

Teachers specializing in math, science, special education, and foreign languages are in high demand. Those who are geographically mobile and who obtain licensure in more than one subject have an additional advantage. There is also an increased need for minority and bilingual educators, as well as those who teach English as a second language. Graduates of the Alternative Licensure Program can expect to earn an average annual starting salary ranging from \$34,000 in the Four Corners region of New Mexico.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Alternative Licensure program (ALP) at San Juan College is designed for people who have bachelor degrees or higher and have decided to become teachers in the public school system. All instruction is a combination of online work and face-to-face classes, which are held in the evening or on Saturdays. Upon full acceptance into the four-semester program, students may apply for a temporary two-year New Mexico intern license and begin teaching.

### CERTIFICATE

Upon successful completion of the program, students earn an ALP certificate in Secondary, Elementary, or Special Education and receive a letter of completion, which they may submit to the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED), along with the necessary teacher assessments, to obtain a Level I teaching license.

### PREREQUISITES

- A bachelor's degree with a minimum of 30 credits in the licensure area (*Official Transcripts required*)
- OR
- A master's degree with 12 credit hours in the licensure area
- OR
- A doctoral degree in the licensure area.
- Documentation of passing all three subtests of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading, Writing, Math.

### LICENSURE TRACKS

The ALP has three licensure tracks: **Elementary Education** (19 credits), **Secondary Education** (16 credits) or **Special Education** (21 credits). Courses cover the NMPED's Teaching Competencies and prepare candidates for their Professional Knowledge exams and the Elementary Reading exam. Students must complete a minimum of 10 hours of classroom observations and teach for at least 105 hours of supervised field experience.

### ASSESSMENTS

Each candidate who completes the ALP must ultimately pass three kinds of teaching assessments to receive a Level I license:

**A. Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators:** Reading, Writing, Math

**B. Content Knowledge Assessments**

- Elementary requires Content Knowledge Subtests I & II and Elementary Reading Instruction.
- Secondary Content Tests vary by discipline
- Special Education Content Knowledge

**C. An Assessment of Professional Knowledge**  
(*Elementary or Secondary*)



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