

## APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES FOR LICENSURE

Please check the NMPED website for updated fee schedules. All fees are submitted via money order and are non-refundable.

### Initial and Additional Licensure Application:

Teacher, Administrator, and Instructional Support Provider..... \$150

### Endorsement Application:

Adding Endorsement (s) to a Teaching License \$120

### Educator Testing Costs:

Core Academic Skill test (Reading, Writing and Mathematics) .....\$120  
Content Knowledge test for Endorsements .....\$120

### Fingerprint Processing:

Background Check.....\$44  
(Background checks now taken by authorized Cogent sites. Additional information at [https://www.aps.gemalto.com/nm/index\\_NM.htm](https://www.aps.gemalto.com/nm/index_NM.htm))

## FAQs

### What documents are needed to start the application?

The Alternative License application, Official sealed transcripts, copy of passing teacher exams, and acceptance letter from alternative license program.

### Links:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/>

## Contact the NMPED

For additional information about alternative routes to teacher licensure, please refer the NMPED website or contact the Public Education Department at [licensureunit@state.nm.us](mailto:licensureunit@state.nm.us)

(505) 827-5821

### How can I qualify for an internship license?

With your application and fee, you need to provide our office proof of acceptance into an approved teacher education program or proof of eligibility to complete the Alternative Licensure process or a letter explaining what you intend to do (already have a license, getting another, i.e. Pre-K-12).

### Is the internship license renewable?

No. All requirements (course work and testing) must be met by the expiration date of the 2 year license.

**There are absolutely no extensions on internship licenses!**

### Can experience earned during the life of the internship license count toward advancement in the three-tiered system?

No. Internship experience cannot count toward standard licensure.

### If I receive an internship license in one area, can I switch to another?

You can switch, however, you will only have 2 years in which to meet all requirements for either of the licenses.

### What if I complete all of the requirements in 1 year?

You need only to submit official transcripts showing completion of the course work and a letter of completion. If you are doing an approved alternative program. Exam scores should be on file.



# ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO TEACHER LICENSURE

Information derived from New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) website at

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/alternative-licensure-programs-opportunities/>

### APS Coordinator for Field Services

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## Pathways to Alternative Licensure:

It is anticipated that the number of teachers graduating from traditional university teacher education programs will fall short of the number needed to replace retiring teachers.

*Where will we find highly-qualified teachers to fill these important positions.....*

Many people with a bachelor's, master's, law or doctoral degree have an interest in teaching, but lack the necessary teaching credentials. These people may have years of experience in others fields which could have significant relevance in the classroom. In addition to having experience in a particular field, these people may have been parents, scout leaders, or sports coaches and realized that working with youth is more rewarding than the non-teaching career they had chosen. However, returning to college for a four-year teaching degree may not be an option. In fact, it may not be an option to be unemployed for any period of time in order to pursue a career in education.

In addition to mid-career changers, some recent college graduates discover that they are natural teachers. Soon after leaving college they are considering a path into teaching. Alternative Licensure may be the right choice for those wishing to "fast-track" into teaching.

*Consider the options for earning Alternative Licensure and chose the one which suits you best.*

- Through a post-baccalaureate alternative licensure program (face to face or online)
- Alternative Educator Effectiveness Pathway

In either case, one may apply for an Internship License and begin teaching while completing the requirements for Alternative Licensure.

An individual may complete either the program or portfolio route to alternative licensure independently; however, support is available for qualifying participants in alternative licensure programs.

## ALTERNATIVE Programs for:

- Early Childhood Birth-Grade 3
- Elementary K-8
- Secondary 7-12
- Special Education (K-12)

⇒ Bachelor's Degree (from a regionally accredited college or university) including 30 semester hours in a combination of language arts, mathematics, science, history, fine & performing arts and modern, classical & native language

OR

⇒ Master's Degree (from a regionally accredited college or university) including 12 graduate hours in a combination of language arts, mathematics, science, history, fine & performing arts and modern, classical & native language

OR

⇒ Doctor's Degree (from a regionally accredited college or university) in special education

AND

⇒ Complete 12-21 semester hours in a PED approved alternative program including 6 semester hours of credit in the teaching of reading

AND

⇒ Passage of the NM Teacher Assessment exams by Praxis.

- \* Core Academic Skills (Reading, Writing and Mathematics)
- \* Principles of Learning and Teaching (Grades K-6 or Grades 7-12)
- \* Teaching Reading: Elementary
- \* Content Knowledge Assessment in Special Education or Program Specific Area

## Alternative Licensure Programs:

- Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)
- Eastern New Mexico University
- New Mexico Jr College
- New Mexico State University (online program)
- Northern New Mexico College
- San Juan College (online program)
- Santa Fe Community College (online program)
- University of New Mexico
- Western New Mexico University
- Cooperative Educational Services (LEAP)
- Albuquerque Teachers Union via UNM (ATRP)

## Master's Degree Teacher Programs:

Earn your master's degree while earning your teaching license. The following are programs that offer this combination:

- Eastern New Mexico University
- New Mexico Highlands University
- New Mexico State University
- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
- University of New Mexico
- Wayland Baptist University
- Western New Mexico University

The following areas are considered hard to fill within APS and offer the most employment opportunities:

- **6-12 Math and Science**
- **K-12 ESL/Bilingual Endorsement**
- **K-12 Special Education**

Apply for positions with APS at:

<http://www.aps.edu/jobs>