



University Programs

at **San Juan College**

4601 College Boulevard

Farmington, NM 87402-4699

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Application Checklist:

- ✓ Completed Program Application
- ✓ Official Transcripts from Bachelors, and higher degrees.
(unofficial are acceptable for preliminary acceptance)
- ✓ Current Resume
- ✓ Letter of interest which includes:
Reason for interest in program, *intent* of pursuing teaching career, *concentration* (elementary or secondary), *description* of work experience, *involvement* in previous professional development and any *prior experience* related to the teaching profession.
- ✓ If employed by a school district, a *statement of employment* from your school principal stating position, title, and acknowledgement of participation in the San Juan College Alternative Licensure Program.
- ✓ Complete and sign Candidate Agreement
 - ✓ Scores from NMTA Tests or proof of registration.

Candidate Agreement

The San Juan College Alternative Licensure program is a concentrated curriculum, designed to meet New Mexico State Board of Education evaluation criteria. It is important that participants understand and subscribe to program conditions.

Please read carefully, initial by each item, and sign at the bottom of the agreement:

—	I certify statements made by me in my application materials and interview are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statements, misrepresentations or omissions made by me on the application or during the application process shall be grounds for refusal for admittance.
—	I understand that, to be fully admitted to the Alternative Licensure Program, I must submit official test results showing passing scores for Part I Basic Skills test of the New Mexico Teacher Assessment, and that I must complete the orientation course, EDUC 240.
—	I affirm that a criminal background check would show no reason for license denial when I submit an application for licensure to the New Mexico State Public Education Department.
—	I understand the Alternative Licensure Program is a rigorous program and that I must complete the full sequence of courses to receive a certificate of completion, and successfully complete activities and class assignments.
—	I understand that I must maintain a minimum of a 2.8 Grade Point Average for successful program completion.
—	I understand that a supervised field experience of no less than 90 hours of classroom experience is a required component of the program.
—	I understand that I must attain a minimum of a grade of B in the field experience practicum.
—	I understand that class attendance is essential since much learning takes place in group discussions; missing more than one Saturday per semester may jeopardize my position in the program.
—	I understand that the courses in the San Juan College Alternative Licensure program do not apply toward a Masters degree, and that the program must be completed in its entirety in order to receive a letter of program completion to accompany my application to the State Education Department Licensure Unit.
—	I acknowledge that the San Juan College program of courses provides the Professional Teacher Education Requirements component toward an Alternative License, and that it is my responsibility to complete all other components required to obtain an Alternative License from the New Mexico Public Education Department.
—	I understand that by successfully completing this program, and upon successful completion of the New Mexico Teacher Assessment, I am eligible to apply for a three-year alternative teaching license. During the three-year period, I must fulfill the State Public Education Department requirement of a 1-3 year mentorship provided by the school district, at which point I am eligible to apply for a level II teaching license. I understand that not all districts have an SBE approved mentorship program and that I should seek employment in districts that do have an SBE approved mentorship program in place.
—	I understand that by completing the San Juan College Alternative Licensure program and upon successfully passing the New Mexico Teacher Assessment, I am eligible to move through the Levels I, II, and Level III, as any other standard-licensed teachers who meet the criteria for movement through these levels.
—	I understand that completion of the San Juan College Alternative Licensure Program does not guarantee employment.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____



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ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE APPLICATION

NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

SOCIAL SECURITY # _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

DAY PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

Area of teaching interest:

_____ Elementary which grades _____

_____ Secondary which subject(s) _____

_____ SPED

Are you employed in a teaching position for the fall? _____

If yes, where and in what capacity _____

Enclosed with this cover sheet are*: (please check off)

_____ Transcripts from: _____

List All: _____

_____ Resume

_____ Letter of interest

_____ If employed, school district statement

_____ NM Teacher Assessment Basic Skills score report

_____ OR Proof of current registration for the test

*Note: If you have not previously attended San Juan College, a College Application must accompany this application.

Submit Application Packets to: Alternative Licensure Office

San Juan College
4601 College Blvd
Farmington, NM 87402

OR

Office Location
SJC 30th Street Annex
505-566-3044

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Alternative Licensure Program For Elementary and Secondary Teachers

Focused on transmitting effective practice
Respectful of its participants

Innovative in delivery and approaches
Practical for working adults

Requirements for New Mexico Alternative Licensure

- ✚ Academic preparation from a regionally accredited college: Bachelor's degree with minimum of 30 credits applicable to the licensure area sought, or Master's degree with minimum of 12 graduate credits in applicable licensure area, or Doctorate degree in applicable area.
- ✚ Complete a State Board-approved alternative licensure program which includes reading credits, New Mexico teacher competencies, and student teaching/field base component.
- ✚ Pass all applicable sections of the New Mexico Teacher Assessment.
- ✚ After receiving an alternative license, new teachers must complete a one to three year school district mentorship program approved by the New Mexico State Board of Education.

Most classes will be on Saturdays. Participants should plan on additional time during school hours for assignments such as attending parent-teacher conferences or observing in classrooms. The practicum requires a minimum of 90 hours of experience in the classroom.

Preliminary Acceptance into the program:

1. Complete application packet submitted
2. Transcript review meets requirements for prior academic degree content
3. In-person interview with program staff
4. Signed Candidate Agreement

Full Acceptance into the Program:

1. Completion of EDUC 240: The Teaching Profession Orientation Course.
2. Passage of the New Mexico Teacher Assessments Basic Skills Test Section.*

*Note that all parts of the New Mexico Teacher Assessment must be passed to obtain the Alternative License.



San Juan College Alternative Licensure Program General Information

This is an intensive alternative program designed for adults who are highly motivated to become teachers. The courses are carefully sequenced to cover the Teacher Competencies identified by the New Mexico State Board of Education.

Participants who complete all courses and program requirements will receive a certificate of completion to accompany their application to the State Public Education Department to obtain an Alternative License.

The State Public Education Department issues all teaching licenses. Completion of the San Juan College program of study fulfills the Professional Teacher Education requirement for alternative licensure.

The SJC program does not include the Mentoring component which occurs after participants obtain a teaching position.

Courses from other education programs will not substitute for courses in this program. Courses from this program may not be accepted by other colleges.

Enrollment is limited and priority for admittance is given to individuals who need certification for teaching positions in which they are currently employed or who are planning to teach in high need areas.

To receive the certificate of completion, participants must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.8 and receive at least a grade of B in the practicum course. Except for requirements identified in alternative licensure regulations and in SJC's approved program plan, the Alternative Licensure Program operates under San Juan College policies and procedures as described in the college catalog, student handbook and other publications.

For specifics, interested candidates should examine the New Mexico licensure requirements on the State of New Mexico Public Education Department's web site at www.sde.state.nm.us

The New Mexico Teacher Assessments are given five times per year. The standardized tests are given in Farmington in November and April. Registration is required at least 45 days in advance. Please check with SJC University Programs concerning this test. **It is a requirement of the Alternative Licensing Program.**

Program of Study for the San Juan College Alternative Licensure Program

Elementary Alternative Licensure – 3 semesters. 19 credits which include:

6 credits of reading courses. Courses covering competencies for entry level elementary teacher. Field-based component – minimum of 90 hours of supervised classroom practice.

<u>Elementary Program of Study:</u>		Number of Credits
EDUC 240	The Teaching Profession	1
EDUC 242	Foundations of Education	2
EDUC 250	Effective Teaching Practices	3 (2+2P*)
EDUC 244	Family, School, and Community Cultures	2
EDUC 252	Elementary Teaching Methods	2(1+2P)
EDUC 275	Elementary Teaching Field Experience	3(1+4P)
EDUC 262	Reading and Language Development	3
EDUC 264	Teaching Elementary Reading and Language Development	3
Total Credits		19

Secondary Alternative Licensure – 3 Semesters. 16 credits, which include:

3 credits of reading courses. Courses covering competencies for entry level secondary teachers. Field-based component – minimum of 90 hours of supervised classroom practice.

<u>Secondary Program of Study:</u>		Number of Credits
EDUC 240	The Teaching Profession	1
EDUC 242	Foundations of Education	2
EDUC 250	Effective Teaching Practices	3 (2+2P)
EDUC 244	Family, School and Community Cultures	2
EDUC 254	Secondary Teaching Methods	2(1+2P)
EDUC 277	Secondary Teaching Field Experience	3 (1+4P)
EDUC 262	Reading and Language Development	3
Total Credits		16

SPED Alternative Licensure – 3-4 Semesters. 21 credits, which include:

3 credits of reading courses. Courses covering competencies for entry level SPED teachers. Field-based component – minimum of 90 hours of supervised classroom practice.

SPED Program of Study:		Number of Credits
EDUC 240	The Teaching Profession	1
EDUC 250	Effective Teaching Practices	3
EDUC 252 or EDUC 254	Secondary Teaching Methods	2
EDUC 262	Reading and Language Development	3
EDUC 279	K-12 Special Education Field Experience (under development)	3
EDUC 208*	Exceptionalities	2
EDUC 209*	Evaluation and IEP	3
EDUC 213	Reading for Special Learners	3
Total Credits		21

*Courses taken through SFCC. SFCC tuition applies. EDUC 208, 209, 213

Note: San Juan College Tuition Applies. \$30.00 per credit (\$40.00 for out of state)

Professional Textbooks and References estimate \$450.00 to \$600.00

Access to a computer is essential

Contact Information

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Other Helpful Cohorts:

NM Public Education Department Professional Licensure Unit

300 Don Gaspar Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501

505-827-6581 www.sde.state.nm.us

Transition to Teaching Project Educator Support Center—Financial, mentoring and advising assistance for participants interested in teaching in high-need schools.

501 Airport Drive, Suite 209, Farmington, NM 87401

505-599-8771 kburgess@fms.k12.nm.us



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Yo Enseño...

I Teach...

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