

ALTERNATIVE TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAM
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Catalog 2009-2010

This is an intensive alternative program designed for adults who are highly motivated to become teachers. To be eligible for the program, applicants must meet New Mexico Public Education Department and San Juan College criteria for admittance: 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.

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.

Participants who complete all courses and program requirements receive a certificate of completion to accompany their application to the State Public Education Department to obtain an Alternative License for K-8 elementary. **Courses from other education program will not substitute for courses in this program.** Courses from this program may not be accepted by other colleges. Enrollment is limited. Priority for admittance is given to individuals who need certification for teaching positions. These individuals who are currently employed or who are planning to teach in high need areas.

Program of study for K-12 Special Education Alternative Licensure

Three semesters, 21 credits that include competencies for entry level K-12 special education teachers, 6 credits of reading courses and a field-based component of a minimum of 90 hours of supervised classroom practice.

			Credits Hours	Grade
___	EDUC 240	The Teaching Profession	1	___
___	EDUC 250	Effective Teaching Practices	3	___
___	EDUC 252	Elementary Teaching Methods OR		
___	EDUC 254	Secondary Teaching Methods	2	___
___	EDUC 279	K-12 Special Education Teaching Field Experience	3	___
___	EDUC 262	Reading and Language Development	3	___
___	EDUC 208*	Exceptionalities and Placement	3	___
___	EDUC 209*	Evaluation and IEP	3	___
___	EDUC 213*	Reading for Special Learners	<u>3</u>	___
Total			21	

* Courses offered by distance education as a collaborative plan of study with Santa Fe Community College, or in a face to face format at SJC.