

Alternative Teacher Licensure Program* (Certificate)

Education & Training Career Cluster

SAN JUAN COLLEGE

NATURE OF WORK

Classroom teachers typically act as facilitators and coaches for their students' learning. Today teachers use interactive discussion and "hands-on" activities to teach subjects such as Language Arts which includes: reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, art and music. Teachers help students to understanding abstract concepts and develop critical thinking processes and problem solving skills. Teachers design their own classrooms and prepare presentations and activities to match each student's ability level. Teachers create and implement lesson plans for their students. They test, observe and evaluate student performance, conference with students and parents to set goals, assess progress and maintain classroom discipline. Teachers work with students from varied backgrounds. Seeing students develop new skills and gain an appreciation of knowledge and learning can be very rewarding.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Teachers may work more than 40 hours a week including school duties performed outside of the classroom and grading papers. Most teachers work 10 months with 2 months off during the summer. To enhance their teaching skills teachers are involved in on-going professional development in the form of; training, conferences and workshops, which may take place in the summer. Many times this additional training leads to advanced degrees.

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

The District of Columbia and all states require public school teachers to be licensed. The requirements for licenses vary by state, with each State Board of Education or an advisory committee deciding on whether a license should be granted or not. A bachelor's degree, an approved training program and a supervised practice student teaching are required by each state. Some states also have additional training and minimum grade point averages attached to obtaining a license.

JOB OUTLOOK

With the retirement of a large number of teachers over the next 5 to 10 years, the job openings will be good to excellent for this career area.

CAREER OPTIONS

Elementary, secondary and special education teachers

ESTIMATED SALARY RANGE

New Mexico— \$32,859—81,000

Nationally — \$21,700—81,000

(depending on specialty and grade level taught)

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

Counselors, librarians, teacher assistants, education administrators, child care workers, public relations specialists, corporate trainer, coach

SJC Basic Program Information

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 NM Public Education Department and SJC criteria for admittance: Bachelor's degree with minimum of 30 semester 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.

For further information go to:

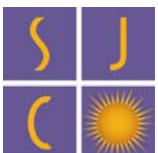
www.sanjuancollege.edu/pages/158.asp

Click on AA link under Transfer Programs

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos069.htm

www.teachnm.org

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*Most of this information is from the Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-2009

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