

BASIC POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

A Note About Career Technical Education Courses

Students planning to pursue a bachelor's degree at New Mexico State University after completing their studies at DACC need to be aware that not all career technical education courses taken at DACC can be used to satisfy degree requirements at NMSU. The number of DACC credits that may be counted toward a bachelor's degree depends on the major selected and any agreements providing for the acceptance of career technical education courses.

Programs already having such agreements are called "articulated" programs, and are listed at Applying DACC Credit Toward Bachelor's Degree Programs (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/general-education-and-transfer-options/applying-dacc-credit/>). It is best for students to consult advisors at both DACC and NMSU early in their associate degree program to insure that the maximum number of credits will apply toward the bachelor's degree program selected.

Tuition Differentials

DACC students enrolling in courses on any other NMSU campus pay the tuition rate in effect at that campus.

Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of Doña Ana Community College not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status in employment or other college-administered programs. This policy is in compliance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 as amended by 11375 and section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Amendment Act of 2008 (ADAAA), and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and subsequent revisions.

Disability Statement. Doña Ana Community College is strongly committed to providing education to all citizens of Doña Ana County. The college's faculty and staff are dedicated to the goal of providing equal access to individuals with disabilities and to the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The ongoing effort to reduce and remove physical and attitudinal barriers is designed to assist individuals with disabilities to enjoy the college's facilities, programs, and services to the fullest extent. We are dedicated to developing an educational environment free of discrimination.

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability. Dona Ana Community College (DACC), a public institution, provides reasonable accommodations in all its academic programs, services and activities to Qualified Students with Disabilities (QSDs), and members of the public per Federal and State Laws. This policy is in accordance with The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. (1990); The ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), Pub. L. No. 110-325, § 3, September 25, 2008; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794, and The New Mexico Accessibility Code of 2017, A117.1.

Individuals who are in need of reasonable accommodations, access or additional information regarding Dona Ana Community College's academic programs, services or activities are encouraged to contact Maria Pena, Director of the Student Accessibility Services program at

575-528-7466 and/or mpena@dacc.nmsu.edu. The office is located at DACC's Espina Campus, in the DASH building, room 117.

Technical Standards for Admissions

Some programs may require technical standards for admissions and/or continued program participation. Technical standards may include possessing or acquiring skills or behaviors to complete performance-based tasks. Completion of these tasks may be required for program completion.

Learning Outcomes Assessment

As part of its ongoing efforts to maintain high-quality academic programs and provide strong support services, all DACC programs have established Program Learning Outcomes. DACC/NMSU has an established process for conducting academic assessment at the course, program, and college levels. General education courses undergo assessment through a dedicated general education assessment process. All Program Learning Outcomes and General Education Essential Skills are published on the DACC Assessment of Student Learning website.

DACC Graduation and Retention Rates

Under the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990, Public Law 101-542, DACC is required to calculate (using a prescribed formula) and disclose graduation rates for all first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students who enrolled at DACC in Summer and Fall 2022. This cohort consists of 934 students. The number of graduates who earned either a certificate or an associate degree by Summer 2025 was 160 (17%). The four-year average, Student-Right-to-Know graduation rate was 17 percent.

Rates for previous cohorts after three years are as follows:

Cohort	Rate
Fall 2021 Cohort	19%
Fall 2020 Cohort	16%
Fall 2019 Cohort	17%

The retention rate for first-time, full-time DACC admitted students from Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 was 63 percent.

Student Special Care Policy

To ensure the safety and well-being of our students, DACC/NMSU may, on occasion, require that students receive a particular type of care or treatment (e.g., emergency medical attention, live-in attendants, or vaccinations) as a condition of continued enrollment or eligibility to reside in university-operated housing. When this care or treatment is required by the cognizant DACC/NMSU administrator, the student will be obligated to assume any financial responsibility associated with the treatment.

Furthermore, DACC/NMSU may, on occasion, contact a student's parents, legal guardian, or spouse in cases of extreme emergency, or where a possibility of imminent harm exists. Such action will be taken only when, in the judgment of the appropriate official, the best interests of the student and the institution will be served.

When practical, DACC/NMSU will notify the student in writing of the institution's intention to undertake the steps authorized by this policy. This decision may be appealed by the student to the DACC Vice President for Student Services (VPSS) within 24 hours of notification. The appeal should be in writing and should state clearly the reason why the student objects to the proposed action. The VPSS will review the facts in the

case and convey the decision to all parties within 48 hours. The VPSS's decision shall be final.

Jurisdiction for Legal Matters

By applying for admission/enrollment, both the student and parent(s) or guardian(s) agree that New Mexico law prevails and all litigation will be in federal court in New Mexico or in state court in Doña Ana County, N.M.