

# SECONDARY EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The NMSU Secondary Education Alternative Licensure program aims to recruit highly qualified individuals who have earned *at least* a bachelor's degree in a related field and are eligible for a temporary two-year alternative license in the State of New Mexico. We seek individuals who will have dramatic impact on the social, cultural, emotional, and intellectual growth of youth with whom they will work throughout their career.

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements and submit the required documentation for consideration:

- Meet minimum state requirements of *at least* a bachelor's degree and course requirements of 30 undergraduate credit hours (6.60.3. 7 NMAC) in the teaching field (12 upper division) with a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate GPA.
- Be hired as a teacher of record in a K-12 school, and submit a copy of a current teaching contract from a school district in New Mexico that indicates the candidate is the teacher of record in the teaching field for each year of employment.
- Admission to the NMSU Graduate School (<https://gradschool.nmsu.edu/>)
- Admission to the School of Teacher Preparation, Administration, and Leadership in the College of Education.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
EDUC 5120	Multicultural Education	3
EDUC 5130	Technology and Pedagogy	3
EDUC 5150	Classroom Management	3
or EDUC 5110	Exploration in Education	
Choose one from the following (based on content area):		3
EDUC 5410	Teaching Science at the Middle and High School Level	
EDUC 5420	Teaching Mathematics at the Middle and High School Level	
EDUC 5430	Teaching Social Studies at the Middle and High School Level	
EDUC 5440	Teaching Language Arts at the Middle and High School Level	
READ 5330	Content Area Literacy	3
SPED 5105	Introduction to Special Education in a Diverse Society	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

All licensure courses are eligible for transfer into a regular TPAL master's in education program.

## Other Program Requirements to be completed by the end of the program:

- Complete and maintain a 3.0 minimum GPA in all courses throughout the program
- Complete two full consecutive semesters of observation by a University Supervisor with a fee for each semester (8 formal observations)

- To transition from an alternative license to a Level I license, NM PED requires additional requirements to be met. These requirements can be found on the NM PED website (<https://web.ped.nm.gov/bureaus/licensure/licensure-requirements/secondary-6-12/>). These requirements are not required for program completion.