

# SPECIAL EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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The NMSU Special Education Alternative Licensure Certificate 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 with a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate GPA.

- Passing scores for the *Praxis*<sup>®</sup> Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core): <https://www.ets.org/praxis/nm> (<https://www.ets.org/praxis/nm/>)
- Be hired 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 a special education classroom for each year of employment.
- Admission to the School of Teacher Preparation, Administration, and Leadership in the College of Education.
- Admission to the NMSU Graduate School (<https://gradschool.nmsu.edu/>)

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SPED 5105	Introduction to Special Education in a Diverse Society	3
SPED 5110	Low Incidence Disabilities in a Diverse Society	3
SPED 5120	High Incidence Disabilities in a Diverse Society	3
SPED 5130	Reading for Elementary Exceptional Learners in a Diverse Society, K-6	3
SPED 5140	Reading for Secondary Exceptional Learners in a Diverse Society, 7-12	3
SPED 5210	Introduction to Assessment of Diverse Exceptional Learners	3
SPED 5220	Classroom Management for Diverse Learners	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

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

## Other Program Requirements

- Complete and maintain a 3.0 minimum GPA in all courses throughout the program
- Pass *Praxis*<sup>®</sup> Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications
- Pass *Praxis*<sup>®</sup> Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 or Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12
- Participate in two complete semesters of observation by a University Supervisor with a fee for each semester.