

COLLEGE OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Accreditation

The programs offered by HEST provide undergraduate students with a broad general education with an emphasis on professional preparation in various disciplines. These programs are nationally accredited, while some require approval by the State of New Mexico. These programs include:

Teacher Preparation: The university's teacher preparation program, which involves several colleges and is directed by the College Health, Education, and Social Transformation, was re-accredited in 2018 by the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation Programs (CAEP). The undergraduate and graduate programs that prepare individuals for licensure to work in public and private schools in New Mexico have been approved by the New Mexico State Public Education Department.

Counseling and Educational Psychology: The Master of Arts (MA) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP); the Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) in school psychology, accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and the doctoral (Ph.D.) program in counseling psychology accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). The post-doctoral program in Clinical Psychopharmacology holds APA designation.

Health and Social Services: The baccalaureate degree program in the School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The New Mexico Board approves the undergraduate program in Nursing of Nursing.

The baccalaureate degree program in the School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The Bachelor of Public Health and Masters of Public Health degree programs in the Department of Public Health Sciences is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

The **Communication Disorders** master's program in Speech-Language Pathology is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CAA - ASHA).

The **Athletic Training Degree** in the Department of Kinesiology is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training (CAATE).