UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND ORIENTATION

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Under the policies and conditions set forth below, a student may be accepted for undergraduate admission to NMSU as either:

- A degree-seeking student or
- A nondegree student under the policies and conditions as set forth in this section.

Degree-Seeking Students

How to Apply as a First-Time Student (Regular Student)

Requirements for admission as a degree-seeking student:

- Application for admission, accompanied by a one-time $20 nonrefundable application fee
- Official high school transcripts with the student’s high school credits sent directly from the high school to NMSU Undergraduate Admissions
- Official results of the American College Testing (ACT) program or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) sent directly from the testing centers to NMSU Undergraduate Admissions.
- If applicable, official post-secondary education transcripts sent directly from each institution attended to NMSU Undergraduate Admissions

All freshman applicants are required to submit scores from either the ACT or the SAT and final, official high school transcript showing a graduating date before a final admission decision is granted.

Freshman Admission Requirements

Students who meet the minimum high school course requirements of the state from which they receive their high school diploma must meet one of the following criteria in order to be admitted:

- Cumulative high school GPA of 2.75, or
- ACT composite score of 21 or SAT score of 1060, or
- Ranked in the top 20 percent of their graduating class

Applicants who meet at least one of the criteria listed above will be admitted to NMSU. An applicant who does not meet admission requirements may be admitted if a review of additional information indicates that the student would be successful at NMSU. When reviewing the admissibility of students, the Undergraduate Admission office considers many factors, including high school GPA, test scores, dual-credit coursework, leadership experience, community involvement, and other accomplishments. Applicants may be asked for additional information, including academic letters of recommendation, in support of their application.

Aggie Pathway

In the Aggie Pathway program, NMSU’s system of five campuses work together to navigate those students who do not meet the admission requirements to the university campus to a bachelor’s degree. Aggie Pathway students begin at one of NMSU’s community college campuses and may transition to the university campus upon meeting the following requirements:

- Successful completion of 24 credits, in addition to any required developmental courses
- 2.5 cumulative college GPA

All students participating in the Aggie Pathway program can attend academic, cultural and athletic events on the NMSU Las Cruces campus. Students enrolling through NMSU Doña Ana Community College campus also have access to on-campus housing and dining.

More information about Aggie Pathway is available at https://aggiepathway.nmsu.edu/.

How to Apply as a GED or HiSET Student

Students must complete the GED or HiSET test in English. Satisfactory scores on either the GED or HiSET tests, official high school transcript and official ACT or SAT scores are required.

How to Apply as a Home School Student

Home school educators must submit a signed transcript or document that lists the courses completed and grades earned by the student, as well as indicate the date the student completed or graduated from the home school program. An official ACT or SAT score is also required.

Home school students who are New Mexico residents and wish to participate in the Lottery Success Scholarship program are required to submit official New Mexico GED or HiSET test results in English.

Aggie Welcome and Orientation

Orientation for all new students is mandatory. At NMSU’s Aggie Welcome and Orientation (AWO) programs, students will attend information sessions, learn about campus resources, college life, meet with an academic advisor, and register for classes.

It is important that students submit an official ACT or SAT score prior to attending an AWO program as these scores are used to place students into courses during academic advising. Students who do not have an ACT or SAT score on file for their AWO program will not receive a final schedule upon completion of orientation and may be subject to a change of schedule upon receiving official test scores.

More information about Aggie Welcome and Orientation is available at https://awo.nmsu.edu/.

Nondegree-Seeking Students

How to Apply as a Nondegree Seeking Student

Nondegree admission is designed to meet the needs of non-traditional, part-time students who do not wish to pursue a degree at NMSU. Courses taken in this status may not be used to meet university admission requirements. Students interested in using nondegree credit for initial
teacher certification or certification in a new field must contact the
College of Education.

Students on nondegree status are ineligible to:

- Receive financial aid or student employment
- Participate in student government or intercollegiate athletics
- Receive benefits from any veterans’ program

Transcripts from previous institutions, high school, and/or results
of college entrance exams may be required to assure readiness for
university-level courses. A $20 one-time, non-refundable, nondegree
application fee is required.

Nondegree students are subject to the same university regulations as
degree-seeking students.

Changing from Nondegree Status
A nondegree student in good academic standing at NMSU must submit
a formal application for a change of status from nondegree to degree-
seeking. Requirements for regular admission must be met. Nondegree
students may not transfer more than 30 credits from this status to any
undergraduate degree program except for students participating in a high
school concurrent enrollment program.

How to Apply For Readmission
Former students of the NMSU system, who have been out of school for
more than two consecutive semesters, are required to make a formal
application for readmission. Applications should be submitted to the
Undergraduate Admissions office before the start date of the semester
for which the student plans to enroll.

A student who has attended other institutions during an absence must
have official transcripts sent to the Undergraduate Admissions office and
must be eligible to return to the college or university they last attended.
Transcripts must be received before the date of registration. Admission
status at the time of readmission will generally be determined by previous
NMSU academic standing. However, academic performance at other
institutions attended during the applicant’s absence from NMSU may be
taken into consideration in determining the student’s admission status.

Opportunities for High Schools Students
Dual Credit for High School Students
The Dual Credit program is designed to give high school students an
opportunity to enroll at NMSU before high school graduation. Students
must be either a junior or senior in high school and enrolled in one-half or
more of the minimum course requirements approved by the following:

- Public Education Department in a New Mexico public school district
- Locally chartered and state-chartered charter school
- State-supported school
- Bureau of Indian Education-funded high school

Under Senate Bill 158 signed by the Governor and effective July 1,
2014, support for dual credit privileges at post-secondary institutions
is now available for private and home school-eligible students. Under a
Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement between NMSU and the school
district, students enrolled in approved dual credit courses are eligible to
have the full cost of tuition and general fees waived.

Dual credit students must:

- Apply for Undergraduate Admission
- Provide official high school transcript and official ACT or SAT scores
to the Undergraduate Admissions Office, and
- Complete the State of New Mexico Dual Credit Request Form

Requirements to be admitted to the dual credit or early admission
programs are:

- A high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0
- An ACT composite of 23 or equivalent SAT score, and
- Substantial progress toward completion of the following high school
courses, as approved by the secondary school official:
  - Four units of English
  - Four units of math (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and one
    additional math course)
  - Two units of science (beyond General Science)
  - One unit of a foreign language or a unit of fine arts

Out-of-State Students and Legal
Jurisdiction
By applying for admission/enrollment, both the student and parents
agree that New Mexico law prevails and all litigation will be in federal or
state court in New Mexico.

Applying for Admission
Application Materials
All documents submitted as part of the official admissions process
become the property of NMSU and will not be returned to the student.
Application materials are retained for one calendar year for students who
apply but do not attend.

Application Deadlines
Applications for admission should be sent to the Undergraduate
Admissions Office at least 30 days before the beginning of the regular
semester or summer sessions in which the student intends to enroll. The
deadline for application to NMSU’s Nursing Program is February 1st for
the fall semester and September 1st for the Spring semester.