



TRANSITION TO TEACHING

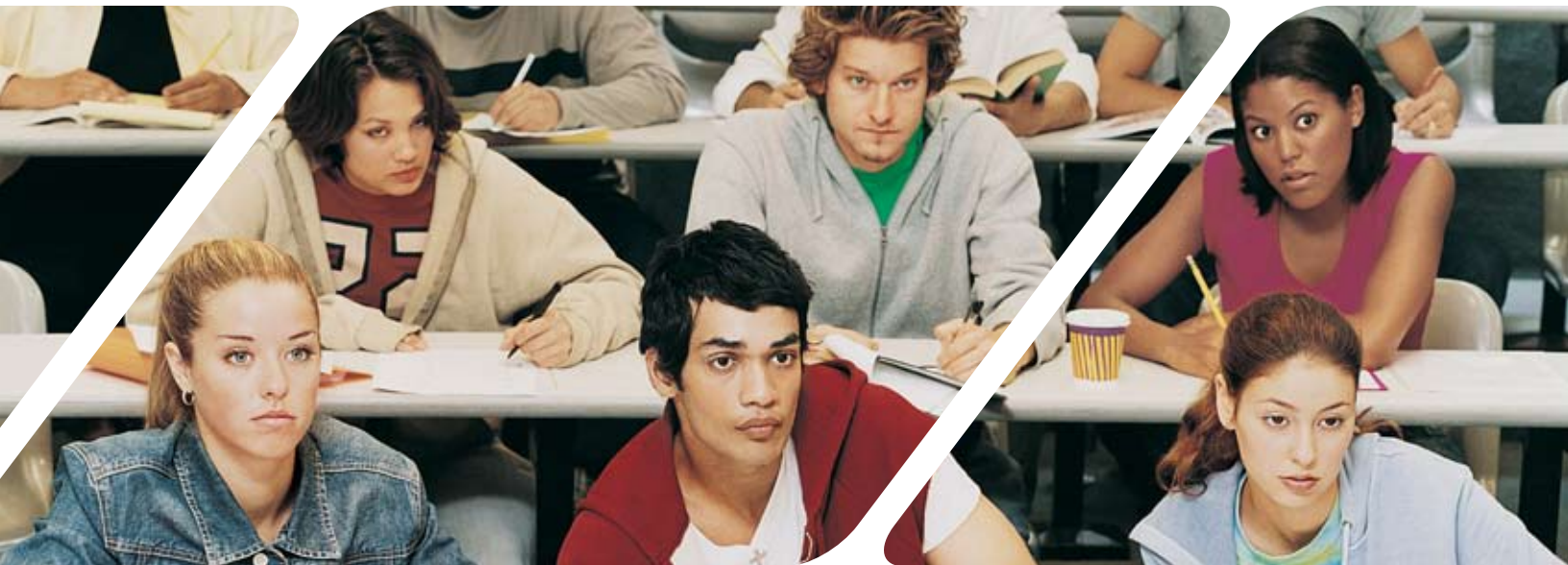
NM ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PROGRAM

Complete the requirements for a New Mexico Level 1A license through the Online Portfolio for Alternative Licensure (OPAL).



**BECOME A TEACHER.
TOUCH KIDS' LIVES.**





QUALITY LEARNING REQUIRES QUALITY TEACHING

THE NM TRANSITION TO TEACHING PROGRAM* IS WORKING TO PROVIDE EVERY CHILD IN THIS STATE WITH THEIR EDUCATIONAL BIRTHRIGHT - HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND CARING TEACHERS WHO BRING LIFE AND CAREER EXPERIENCE INTO THE CLASSROOM.

If you have your bachelor's degree, or higher, with the required credit hours in content areas you wish to teach, and have experiences that you believe have prepared you to be an effective teacher, you may earn your NM teaching license by presenting an online portfolio that demonstrates how you meet the competencies for earning your NM Level 1A teaching license. Teacher candidates may complete their teaching portfolio while teaching on an intern license. Recognizing that you have chosen the independent route for earning a NM teaching license, the NM Transition to Teaching

program has built different kinds of supports to help build your online portfolio. Who makes the best NM Transition to Teaching candidate? Someone who loves learning, and believes that every child can learn, is self-motivated and cares about kids. Someone who will build on the skills and knowledge they've gained through their education and career experiences and apply it in the classroom. If this sounds like you, you can make a difference. Become a teacher. Touch kids' lives.

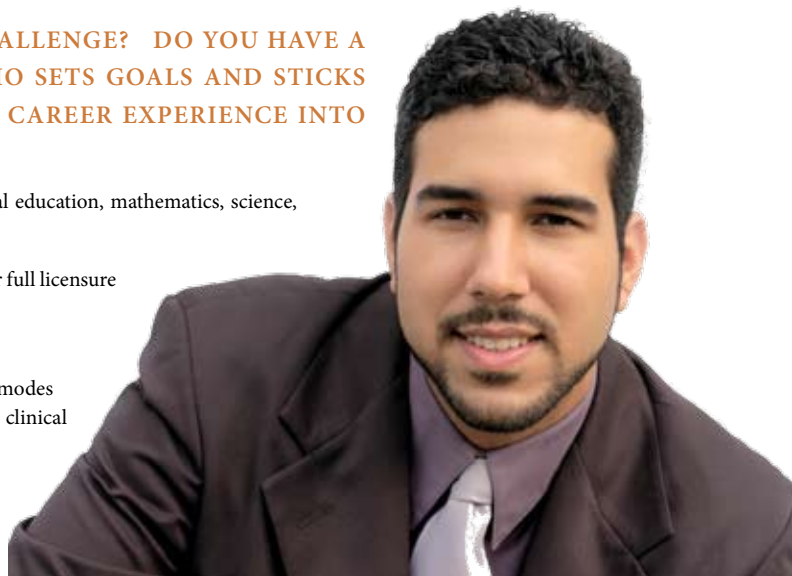
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WANTED: PEOPLE WITH A PASSION TO TEACH

ARE YOU THE KIND OF PERSON WHO LOVES A CHALLENGE? DO YOU HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER? SOMEONE WHO SETS GOALS AND STICKS TO THEM? SOMEONE WHO CAN BRING LIFE AND CAREER EXPERIENCE INTO THE CLASSROOM?

We're looking for qualified, effective teachers in all areas, especially in special education, mathematics, science, and bilingual education. NM Transition to Teaching candidates will:

- Begin teaching on a NM intern license while completing requirements for full licensure through the online portfolio pathway.
- Teach in a high need district for at least three years.
- Participate in high quality professional development through a variety of modes — including intensive training through seminars, on-line modules, and clinical coaches.
- Obtain tuition support for required reading courses.
- Pass the New Mexico Teacher Assessments (NMTA).



ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW

BEFORE YOU APPLY TO THE T2T PROGRAM YOU MUST:

- Hold a bachelor's degree, or higher, including a 2.5 minimum GPA, U.S citizenship or permanent resident status
- Have at least 30 bachelors credit hours or 12 masters credit hours in content subject areas if seeking middle or high school position, or 30 credit hours across all core subject areas (language arts, math, social studies and science) if seeking elementary level position.
- Either be hired as a teacher or be in the hiring process (T2T works closely with human resource directors and Public Education Department (PED) licensure.
- Register for the NM Teacher Assessment (NMTA) Basic Skills Tests at <http://www.nmta.org>.
- Complete an Application [Word] for the New Mexico Transition to Teaching Program

ONCE APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED:

- Apply for positions in qualifying district/district(s).
- Secure teaching position
- Commit to teaching in chosen high needs district for a minimum of 3 years



NEXT STEPS

- Apply for an internship license through the Public Education Department's licensure bureau, including mandatory background check and fingerprinting processing fee (\$34.00) and initial licensure fee (\$65).
- Your request should include a letter that indicates that you intend to earn your license through the alternative licensure portfolio route, and want to apply to the Online Portfolio for Alternative Licensure (OPAL). Contact Jesus Reveles at jesus.reveles@state.nm.us.
- Complete T2T program workshops on effective teaching and learning in New Mexico (Transition to Teaching will provide funding for these workshops).
- Complete on-line modules to enhance teaching skills.
- Complete required reading course(s) (6 hours for elementary and special education; 3 hours for secondary licensure) through Santa Fe Community College (Transition to Teaching will provide funding for these classes).



ONCE ACCEPTED TO THE T2T PROGRAM THE CANDIDATE MUST:

- Work with portfolio coach on building portfolio.
- Take and pass the rest of the required NMTA's (Content Knowledge test(s), and after completing workshops in teaching pedagogy the appropriate Teacher Competency Test). You can register at <http://www.nmta.org>.
- Create an Online Portfolio for Alternative Licensure (OPAL).
- Submit your portfolio online (OPAL) for a fee of \$300 dollars (non-refundable). Once portfolio passes the review, the candidate will be issued a level 1A teaching license. If candidate misses one or two strands, he/she may resubmit once each strand one time only and will have up to one year to do so. There will be a \$100 dollar fee for each strand resubmitted. However, the intern license will not be extended for any license, nor will it be extended if the candidate does not pass the OPAL process.
- Teach in a NM T2T "High Need" District for at least 3 years.

THE NM T2T PROGRAM

APPLICANT PREREQUISITES

- Have a strong content knowledge
- Have highly qualified status in the content he/she wants to teach

PORTFOLIO CAMP

- Artifact Review
- Competency Review
- Develop and Assemble

REQUIRED READING COURSES

- Fundamentals of Reading Instruction (elementary)
- Teaching Reading for the Elementary Classroom (elementary)
- Teaching Reading in the Content Area (secondary)

ONLINE MODULES

- Teaching and Learning in New Mexico
- Classroom Assessment
- Content Standards
- Classroom Management

WORKSHOPS

- T2T Orientation
- Classroom Management
- Student-Based Lesson Plans & Assessment
- Portfolio Submission
- Professionalism & Communication
- Special Education & Inclusion Class

“ Be the change you want to see in the world. ”



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Applications to the program are available online, or call:
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