

ALTERNATIVE TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAM ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION Certificate Program

This is an intensive alternative program designed for adults who are highly motivated to become teachers. To be eligible for the program, applicants must meet New Mexico Public Education Department and San Juan College criteria for admittance: Bachelor's degree with minimum of 30 semester credits applicable to the licensure area sought, or master's degree with minimum of 12 graduate credits in applicable licensure area, or doctorate degree in applicable area.

Preliminary Acceptance into the Program:

1. Complete application packet submitted
2. Transcript review meets requirements for prior academic degree content
3. In-person interview with program staff
4. Signed candidate agreement

Full Acceptance into the Program:

1. Completion of EDUC 240: The Teaching Profession Orientation Course
2. Passage of the New Mexico Teacher Assessment Basic Skills Test Section

Participants who complete all courses and program requirements receive a certificate of completion to accompany their application to the State Public Education Department to obtain an Alternative License for K-8 elementary or 7-12 secondary or K-12 special education. Courses from other education programs will not substitute for courses in this program. Courses from this program may not be accepted by other colleges. Enrollment is limited, and priority for admittance is given to individuals who need certification for teaching positions in which they are currently employed or who are planning to teach in high need areas.

Program of Study for Elementary Alternative Licensure:

Three semesters, 19 credits that include competencies for entry level elementary teachers, 6 credits of reading courses and a field-based component of a minimum of 90 hours of supervised classroom practice.

	Credits
EDUC 240 The Teaching Profession	1
EDUC 242 Foundations of Education	2
EDUC 250 Effective Teaching Practices	(2+2P) 3
EDUC 244 Family, School, and Community Cultures	2
EDUC 252 Elementary Teaching Methods	(1+2P) 2
EDUC 275 Elementary Teaching Field Experience	(1+4P) 3
EDUC 262 Reading and Language Development	3
EDUC 264 Teaching Elementary Reading and Language Development	3

Total 19

Program of Study for Secondary Alternative Licensure

Three semesters, 16 credits which include competencies for entry level secondary teachers, a 3 credits reading course and a field-based component of a minimum of 90 hours of supervised classroom practice.

	Credits
EDUC 240 The Teaching Profession	1
EDUC 242 Foundations of Education	2
EDUC 250 Effective Teaching Practices	3 (2+2P)

(Continued on next page)

ALTERNATIVE TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAM ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION Certificate Program

(Continued)

EDUC	244	Family, School, and Community Cultures	2
EDUC	254	Secondary Teaching Methods	2 (1+2P)
EDUC	277	Secondary Teaching Field Experience	3 (1+4P)
EDUC	262	Reading and Language Development	3
Total			16

Program of Study for K-12 Special Education Alternative Licensure

Three semesters, 21 credits that include competencies for entry level K-12 special education teachers, 6 credits of reading courses and a field-based component of a minimum of 90 hours of supervised classroom practice.

			Credits
EDUC	240	The Teaching Profession	1
EDUC	250	Effective Teaching Practices	3 (2+2P)
EDUC	252	Elementary Teaching Methods OR	
EDUC	254	Secondary Teaching Methods	2 (1+2P)
EDUC	279	K-12 Special Education Teaching Field Experience	3 (1+4P)
EDUC	262	Reading and Language Development	3
EDUC	208*	Exceptionalities and Placement	3
EDUC	209*	Evaluation and IEP	3
EDUC	213*	Reading for Special Learners	3
Total			21

* Courses offered by distance education as a collaborative plan of study with Santa Fe Community College, or in a face to face format at SJC.

