

# **Educator Preparatory Programs at the University of New Mexico**

**A Presentation to the  
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# Presentation Overview

- Welcome to the Evaluation Team
- Introduction to UNM and the College of Education
- Educator Preparatory Programs at UNM
- Program Portfolios
- How UNM Is Making A Difference In New Mexico

# Welcome to the Evaluation Team

- Introductions
- Schedule
- Orientation to Materials, Displays, and Website

# Introduction to the University of New Mexico

- UNM is the largest of NM's six four-year institutions
- UNM is a Carnegie Research I University
- UNM Alumni include:
  - One-third of the Legislature
  - One-third of NM's lawyers
  - One-half of NM's pharmacists
  - One-third of NM's doctors
  - One-fourth to one-third of NM's teachers

# Introduction to UNM's College of Education

- Our Vision, Mission, and Conceptual Framework
- Our Organizational Structure
- Our Programs
- Our Faculty and Staff
- Our Students

# The College Of Education's Mission

Our mission is the study and practice of education through teaching, research, and service. We

- address critical education issues;
- test new ideas and approaches to teaching and learning;
- educate professionals who can
  - facilitate human growth and development in schools, homes, communities, and workplaces, and
  - prepare students for participation in a complex and challenging society.

# The College of Education At The University of New Mexico

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**Educational  
Specialties**

**The  
Center For  
Teacher Education**

**Language,  
Literacy,  
And  
Sociocultural  
Studies**

**Educational  
Leadership  
And  
Organizational  
Learning**

**Individual,  
Family, And  
Community  
Education**

**Physical  
Performance  
And  
Development**

# Three Key Beliefs That Underlie Our Programs

- Systematic Efforts Are The Best Way To Improve Education
- Preparing Educators Is A Continuum That Includes Recruitment, Initial Preparation, Induction, and Professional Development
- The Most Effective Way To Prepare Educators Is Through Partnerships

# New Mexico's Emerging Vision for Education

- Successful Students
- Qualified and Effective Educators
- Safe, Modern Schools That Are Centers of Their Communities

# New Mexico's Emerging Themes for Reform

- High Standards For All Students
- Early Childhood Education & Early Literacy
- Qualified and Effective Teachers In Every Classroom
- Adequate Funding for Capital Outlay and Educational Technology

# Preparing Qualified and Effective Educators Is A Continuum

- Recruitment
- Initial Preparation
- Induction
- Professional Development

# Partnerships Are The Most Effective Way To Recruit, Prepare, And Support High-Quality Educators



# Educator Preparatory Programs at UNM

- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education / Elementary Education
- Special Education
- Physical Education
- Health Education
- Art Education
- Music Education
- Counseling
- Educational Leadership

# Key Points About UNM's Educator Preparatory Programs

- UNM prepares a large proportion of New Mexico's educators
- We have programs on the main campus and in Gallup/Farmington
- We have strong partnerships with the public schools

## Key Points (continued)

- A number of our programs have received national and international recognition
- The COE has strong ties with other colleges at UNM including Arts & Science, and Fine Arts
- The COE has strong ties with community colleges, branch campuses, and colleges and universities across the state

# Program Portfolios

- Program descriptions including entry and exit requirements
- Matrices showing relationships between SBE competencies and required courses
- Course descriptions
- Course syllabi
- Faculty qualifications and professional development

# Program Portfolios (continued)

- Assessment data including evidence that students:
  - have the skills and knowledge to be good teachers
  - have sufficient knowledge of the profession
  - are able to cope with discipline matters in the classroom
  - can and do use appropriate technology
- Descriptions of teaching strategies
- Federal reporting requirements.

# How UNM is Making a Difference in New Mexico

- Facing the challenges that face our children
- Preparing high-quality educators
- Conducting research
- Engaging in advocacy and collaboration