

EMPOWERING ADULT LEARNERS

MANY PATHWAYS, ONE BRIGHT FUTURE

ADULT
EDUCATION



NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Adult Education provides New Mexicans with flexible learning options, greater technology skills, and is helping our communities and economy meet New Mexico's workforce needs.

WHO WE ARE

New Mexico adult education helps thousands of New Mexico adults to reskill or upskill and enter family-sustaining careers. Adult education uplifts New Mexico families across generations by increasing parent education, which is linked to a child's success in school and into adulthood.

New Mexico Higher Education Department's Adult Education Division funds 26 programs in small rural and large urban communities across the state. These programs empower adult learners to enter or advance in the workforce or continue into higher education.

Our adult education programs help New Mexicans to:

- Strengthen core literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, and workplace readiness skills
- Earn a High School Equivalency (HSE) credential
- Learn English as a second language (ESL) and civics
- Become college ready and enter a career pathway
- Enhance parent and caregiver ability to support children's learning needs

Adult learners were among those most vulnerable to the pandemic in 2020-2021. Funds helped students to reskill and enter postsecondary education, support learners with technology, train teachers in digital skills, and convert classrooms into online and hybrid learning environments.

ADULT EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS



\$9,620 additional earnings with a high school credential, on average



53% increase in income over ten years for adults with a high school credential



14% number of New Mexicans over age 25 without a high school credential



1,368 number of students at the basic literacy level served in 2020-2021 (grade equivalent 0-3.9)



1,436 number of English language learners served in 2020-2021



2,255 number of students at the basic education level (grade equivalent 9-12) served in 2020-2021



2% taxpayer cost to provide adult education versus the cost of incarceration for one year in New Mexico (\$655 vs. \$42,250)



5,303 number of students served in statewide 2020-2021



\$9 million
FY23 budget request

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NEW MEXICO PROGRAMS & STUDENTS

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NORTHERN WORKFORCE REGION

Diné College: 34
Luna Community College: 28
New Mexico State University - Grants : 123
Northern New Mexico College: 49
San Juan College: 237
Santa Fe Community College: 551
University of New Mexico - Gallup: 54
University of New Mexico-Los Alamos: 102
University of New Mexico - Taos: 121

CENTRAL WORKFORCE REGION

Albuquerque Adult Learning Center: 135
Catholic Charities: 135
Central New Mexico Community College : 710
Gordon Bernell Charter School: Added in FY22
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute: 246
University of New Mexico - Valencia: 252
Youth Development, Inc. (YDI): Added in FY22

EASTERN WORKFORCE REGION

Clovis Community College: 254
Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell: 169
Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso: 42
Mesalands Community College: 12
New Mexico Junior College: 220
New Mexico State University - Alamogordo: 88
New Mexico State University - Carlsbad: 140

SOUTHWESTERN WORKFORCE REGION

New Mexico State University - Doña Ana: 662
Western New Mexico University: 64

NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS STUDENTS

Educating 905 justice-involved New Mexicans and young adults in partnership with the New Mexico Corrections Department.

INTEGRATED EDUCATION & CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS

Integrated Education and Training (IET) Programs enable New Mexicans to participate in adult education while gaining industry-recognized credentials. The following IET programs exist in New Mexico:

ALAMOGORDO

Pathways and Career Education - PACE
New Mexico State University - Alamogordo
Certified Nursing Assistant Program

ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque Adult Learning Center
Associated Builders & Contractors Pre-Apprenticeship

Catholic Charities Center for Educational Opportunity
NCCER Specialized Heavy Equipment Operation Roofing

Central New Mexico Community College
*Applied Technologies
Early Childhood Multicultural Education
Nursing Assistant
Business and Information Technologies*

HOBBS

New Mexico Junior College
StartUp Generation Entrepreneurial Program

LOS LUNAS

University of New Mexico - Valencia
*Nursing Assistant
Phlebotomy Technician*

RUIDOSO

Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso
*Hospitality & Tourism
Culinary Arts
Certified Nursing Assistant
Construction Trades
Cyber Security*

SANTA FE

Adult Education iBEST Programs
Santa Fe Community College
*Entry Level Automotive Technician – Certificate in Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair
Community Health Worker
Early Childhood Development
Nursing Assistant
Phlebotomy*

SILVER CITY

Western New Mexico University
Digital Literacy

TAOS

Taos Education and Career Center
*Early Childhood Education
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Solar Technology*