

academic year, internships may be arranged for academic credit. Internships are not always paid.

Another alternative to the Cooperative Education Program is summer employment, which may or may not be career related. Working during the summer affords students the chance to earn additional income and gain valuable work experience without affecting their academic schedules.

For further information, contact the Cooperative Education Program at MSC 3509, NMSU, P. O. Box 30001, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001, call (505) 646-4115, or email [coop@nmsu.edu](mailto:coop@nmsu.edu). Program particulars may be viewed at [www.nmsu.edu/pment](http://www.nmsu.edu/pment).

### Information and Communication Technologies

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) supports and facilitates information technology at NMSU. Through the campus network, NMSU-Net, students have access to computer systems that support instruction for all NMSU colleges. In addition, computer clusters located around campus provide PC's and Mac's loaded with typical personal computer software as well as course-specific software. Students will find word processing, spreadsheet, statistics, drawing and image processing, presentation, scientific computation, and other tools to assist them in a successful college career. Access to other campus resources such as the Library, email, bulletin boards, newsgroups, etc., are all readily available. Remote archives, databases, news, and all of the resources of the World Wide Web are also easily accessed. Student admissions, registration, and grades are provided on the web for easy student use. For further information, contact ICT, MSC 3AT, NMSU, P. O. Box 30001, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001, (505) 646-1840 or email [help@nmsu.edu](mailto:help@nmsu.edu). NMSU's web homepage is located at [www.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmsu.edu).

### National Student Exchange Program

Under the National Student Exchange Program (NSE), students may pay NMSU tuition and attend any of 180 colleges or universities across the nation. NSE allows students to broaden their academic, social, and cultural awareness through study in different geographical settings. To qualify for the program, an applicant must be a full-time student with a 2.5 grade-point average and must be a sophomore, junior, or senior at the time of exchange. Applications for the program are accepted from October through December for the following academic year. Late applications may be accepted if space permits.

Grades and credit hours earned at the host institution become part of the official NMSU transcript upon approval of the academic adviser and records officer. Grades are recorded according to the NMSU grading system.

### Servicemember's Opportunity College

NMSU is a member of the Servicemember's Opportunity College consortium (SOC). As such, the university has agreed to write contracts with active-duty military, National Guard servicemembers and their families. This contract will enable them to continue degree work on an Associate's degree in the event of transfer from the local area. See "Servicemember's Opportunity College (SOC)" heading in the "Regulations" section for more information. For further assistance, the student should contact the SOC coordinator through Doña Ana Branch Community College.

### Student Support Services TRIO Program

Student Support Services TRIO program offers encouragement and academic support to ensure that program participants succeed at NMSU. Services that are free to participants include the following:

- Mentoring – participants meet with a mentor each week for help in adjusting to college, learning and using campus resources, developing effective study skills, accessing financial aid, using academic peer advising, staying motivated, and dealing with personal issues associated with college as a first time freshman or returning to school after many years away.
- Tutoring – individual tutoring is available by appointment in science, math, engineering, agriculture, social sciences, humanities, business, and foreign languages. Tutors are approved by department and many are certified through the College Reading and Learning Association.
- Tutoring/Computer Lab – complete assignments, check email, drop in for tutoring
- Cultural Activities – participants receive tickets to activities attended in groups with Student Support Services staff. These activities include plays, dance productions, concerts, and symphonies.
- Exam Files – exam files are available for review to assist participants with learning test-taking strategies geared towards a specific subject.

- Grant Aid – participants who are receiving a PELL Grant, have completed less than 62 credits at NMSU, have an unmet need or student loan, maintain a 2.5 GPA, and meet regularly with mentor/tutor will be eligible to receive the SSS Stipend which is grant aid (free money) for educational costs.

To qualify for the program, students must be first generation education (neither parent received a four-year baccalaureate degree), meet low income guidelines set by the US Department of Education, or have a learning or physical disability and be registered with the SSD Office at NMSU. The Student Support Services TRIO Program is highly competitive with only 350 slots available for eligible students. Students should apply early in Garcia Annex, Room 143. Visit our web site at [www.nmsu.edu/~sss](http://www.nmsu.edu/~sss) or call (505) 646-1336.

### Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

NMSU collaborates with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) in recommending graduates of the university for programs in dentistry, graduate library studies, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, podiatry, public health, and veterinary medicine in universities of other western states. The State of New Mexico subsidizes the education of New Mexico residents when approved for training in these fields in other states. This subsidy is a loan-for-service program which permits New Mexico residents to attend state-supported institutions at in-state tuition rates and private institutions at approximately one-third the standard tuition cost if they practice in New Mexico for an equal number of years after graduation. This program is contingent upon funding by the state legislature. For further information write Certifying Officer for New Mexico, WICHE's Student Exchange Program, New Mexico Commission on Higher Education, 1068 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87501-4295.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

NMSU awards both designated and undesignated associate degrees following completion of 66 semester credits (excluding "N" suffix courses). The last 15 to 30 credits, depending on the requirements of the college in which the degree is pursued, must be completed at NMSU or one of its branches. (Service personnel enrolled under the two-year Servicemember's Opportunity College Program may be exempt from this requirement.)

The designation *Meritorious Graduate* is awarded to the top 15 percent of the students receiving associate degrees within each college in any one academic year; the students must have completed 45 or more credits with computable grades at NMSU.

### Main Campus

Detailed information on admission requirements, curricula, and associate degree or certificate requirements will be found in the section of this catalog devoted to the administering department/college.

### Associate of Arts

Administered by the Community Colleges

### Associate of Fine Arts

Administered by the Community Colleges

### Associate of Science

Administered by the Community Colleges

### Associate of Science in Engineering Technology

Administered by the College of Engineering

### Designated Associate Degrees

The following designated associate degrees are granted to students completing the specified requirements of the degree.

**Associate in Art and Graphic Design**, administered by the Community Colleges

**Associate in Criminal Justice**, administered by the Department of Criminal Justice in the College of Arts and Sciences

**Associate in Education**, administered by the Community Colleges

**Associate in Pre-business**, administered by the College of Business

**Associate in Pre-engineering**, administered by the College of Engineering

**Associate of Arts in Heritage Interpretation**, administered by the Community Colleges

**Community Colleges**

Many of the associate degrees offered on main campus, as well as other programs, are available at NMSU's four community college campuses. For more information on community college campus offerings, refer to the "Community Colleges" chapter in this catalog and to their respective catalogs or admissions offices.

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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For information on graduate programs, contact the Graduate School, MSC 3G, NMSU, P. O. Box 30001, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001 or send email to [gradinfo@nmsu.edu](mailto:gradinfo@nmsu.edu). Also, see <http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/gradcat.html>.

**DEGREES, SPECIALIZATIONS/CONCENTRATIONS**

Graduate degrees, specializations/concentrations, and the programs in which they are awarded are:

**Master of Accountancy****Master of Agriculture**

*Specialization/Concentration in:*  
Agribusiness

**Master of Applied Geography****Master of Arts**

Agricultural and Extension Education  
Anthropology  
Art  
Communication Studies  
Counseling and Guidance  
Economics  
Education

*Specialization/Concentration in:*  
Bilingual/Multicultural Special Education  
Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology  
Early Childhood Special Education  
Educational Diagnostics  
Special Education  
Special Education Administration  
Special Education/Deaf-Hard of Hearing  
Speech-Language Pathology

Educational Administration

English

Government

History

*Specialization/Concentration in:*

Public History

Psychology

Sociology

Spanish

**Master of Arts in Teaching****Master of Business Administration**

*Specialization/Concentration in:*

Agribusiness

Finance

Information Systems

International Business

**Master of Criminal Justice****Master of Fine Arts****Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing****Master of Music****Master of Public Administration****Master of Public Health****Master of Science**

Agricultural Biology

Agricultural Economics

Agronomy

Animal Science

Astronomy

Biology

Chemistry

Computer Science

Experimental Statistics

Family and Consumer Sciences

Geology

Horticulture

Mathematics

Molecular Biology

Physics

Range Science

Wildlife Science

**Master of Science in**

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Environmental Engineering

Industrial Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

**Master of Science in Nursing**

*Specialization/Concentration in:*

Advanced Practice in Medical-Surgical Nursing

Advanced Practice in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing

Advanced Practice in Community Health Nursing

**Master of Social Work****Specialist in Education**

Curriculum and Instruction

*Specialization/Concentration in:*

Educational Diagnostics

Special Education Administration

Special Education/Deaf-Hard of Hearing

Special Education

School Psychology

**Doctor of Education**

Curriculum and Instruction

*Specialization/Concentration in:*

Bilingual/Multicultural Special Education

Special Education

Educational Administration

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Agronomy

Animal Science

Astronomy

Biology

Business Administration

Chemistry

Computer Science

Counseling Psychology

Curriculum and Instruction

*Specialization/Concentration in:*

Bilingual/Multicultural Special Education

Special Education

Educational Administration