



# Leading Educators through Alternative Pathways

NM's only statewide Alternative Licensure Program

through CES

**Take a LEAP. Become a Teacher. Make a Difference!**

Visit  
[www.ces.org](http://www.ces.org)  
then CES+LEAP  
for application  
requirements and  
information.

Engage in  
coursework  
connected to  
daily  
classroom  
instruction.

Become a  
community builder  
for New Mexico  
students and  
families!

- ✓ APTITUDE-DRIVEN
- ✓ AFFORDABLE
- ✓ APPLICABLE
- ✓ PRACTICE-BASED

**Applicant Portal**  
<https://ces.org/ces-leap/>

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**You can SOAR when you LEAP!**

**Qualified candidates must provide:**

- Bachelor's degree transcripts
- School district recommendation with Intent-to-Hire as a Teacher-of-Record in NM or teaching contract
- Successful essay submission and interview

**LEAP Curriculum and Supports**

- Candidates work with coaches individually and participate in a large network of connection
- Candidates are required to attend a Pre-service institute the week of July 16 – 18 (7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) in regional hubs.
- Monthly PD held in designated regional hubs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. once per month

**K-8, Secondary, Special Education, and Dual Licensure**

- Candidates will receive instruction in both areas if dual, and test and apply for both a General and Special Education License (candidate must be a teacher-of- record to apply for each license).
- Curriculum includes PED required Reading coursework aligned to the Science of Reading



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## Program Costs

Semester 1: July – December .....\$2,000.00  
Semester 2: January – June .....\$2,000.00

Tuition total is **\$4,000** for the cohort year.

(Includes: Curriculum, guest presenter fees, mentoring, coaching and additional program supports.)

## Ways to pay:

1. Self-Pay in full, per semester, \$2000
2. Payment plan (8 payments of \$500 each)
3. District/School assistance (must get prior approval)
4. WIOA program (must apply at your local Workforce Connection office at least 3-months prior to start of semester 1 in program.)

## PLUS:

Application fee .....\$100 (non-refundable)  
Estimated Book Cost .....\$200

## Application process requires:

- ✓ \$100 application fee
- ✓ Signed LEAP application
- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Professional resume
- ✓ 2-Reference letters from supervisor or professional colleague
- ✓ District Intent-to-Hire letter or contract
- ✓ Written essay
- ✓ Successful interview