CES+ LEAP

NEW MEXICO ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE

Cohort 9 Application Process

We are thrilled that you are considering LEAP as your pathway to teaching in New Mexico! Through LEAP you will learn to lead, engage, achieve, and persevere in one of the most rewarding professions you will ever know.

5 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Things to know: All candidates must secure a **full-time K–12 teacher-of-record** position. Substitute teaching positions are not permitted.
Pre-Service is required: **July 15, 16 & 17, 2027**, held in Albuquerque, Artesia, and Las Cruces.

OPEN APPLICATION PERIOD
Nov. 16, 2026 – July 9, 2027
$100 APPLICATION FEE

LATE HIRE APPLICATION PERIOD
July 10 – July 31, 2027
$250 APPLICATION FEE

SUBMIT THESE DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION

1 Current Resume
Your most recent positions plus any experience working with children.

2 Two Letters of Recommendation
From supervisors speaking to your professionalism, reliability, dispositions, ability to learn, and capacity to work effectively in a school setting with children. Letters must include the supervisor's name, email address, and phone number.

3 Bachelor's Degree Transcripts
Must show a **conferred** degree and a **2.5 GPA or higher**.

4 Intent-to-Hire or Contract
Provided by your employing school or district for the current school year.

5 Canvas Application
Load your application documents and complete your LEAP application.

YOUR PATH TO THE CLASSROOM

STEP 1 Get hired as a full-time teacher

STEP 2 Apply & upload all 5 documents

STEP 3 Interview with LEAP coach

STEP 4 Receive Letter of Acceptance (LOA)

STEP 5 Apply to NMPED for Level 1A license

APPLY ONLINE www.ces.org/ces-leap/

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