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NMSU-Grants Mission:

To provide affordable access to higher education opportunities to residents of Cibola and Catron Counties and supporting the workforce needs of region in order to stimulate a vibrant rural economy.

School Districts Served:

1. Grants/Cibola County School District (2 high schools)
 - a. Grants High School (2 walking blocks)
 - b. Laguna/Acoma High School (30 minute drive/east)
2. Pinehill High School (60 miles/southwest) (BIA School)
3. Quemado High School (80 miles/southeast)

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NMSU-Grants Annual Enrollment & FTE

Year	Enrollment	FTE	% Change (FTE)
2000-2001	1337	363.20	-7.2%
2001-2002	1527	413.30	13.8%
2002-2003	1485	430.32	4.1%
2003-2004	1604	451.43	4.9%
2004-2005	1558	445.97	-1.2%
2005-2006	1544	445.74	-0.1%
2006-2007	1741	472.60	6.0%
2007-2008	1905	511.50	14.8%

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P-20 Initiatives:

- Grants/Cibola County School Board is NMSU-Grants Advisory Board. In the past 3 years we have worked closely with our Advisory Board and Superintendent Kilino Marquez to expand dual enrollment from within our feeder school district.
- Our strategy to build dual enrollment began by our waiving tuition, Spring 2007. Data indicates our dual enrollment growth doubled once tuition was waived.
- In return for our waiver of tuition, Grants/Cibola School District provides transportation for Laguna/Acoma (L/A) HS students to our campus twice a week to expand dual enrollment participation of L/A HS students.
- Grants/Cibola School District also covers the cost of college textbooks for their dual enrollment students.

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Dual Enrollment @ NMSU-Grants

Semester	Dual Credit Students	Concurrent Students
Fall 2004	23	7
Spring 2005	14	8
Fall 2005	26	5
Spring 2006	26	6
Fall 2006	49	4
Spring 2007* (tuition waiver begins)	98	12
Fall 2007	96	3
Spring 2008	79	1

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- NMSU-Grants is providing career/technical classes at L/A HS in construction trades in the high school carpentry lab. NMSU-Grants hires the high school industrial arts teacher as our faculty to provide dual enrollment classes.
- NMSU-Grants provides dual enrollment courses at Pinehill HS.
- A new Tourism Services Program was developed in 07-08 to attract dual enrollment students and support area workforce needs of the tribal/gaming/tourism industries in our region.
- Our Teacher Education Program utilizes local school district to provide students classroom experiences.
- NMSU-Grants houses a Teacher Education Resource Room with a library of resource materials available to area educators.

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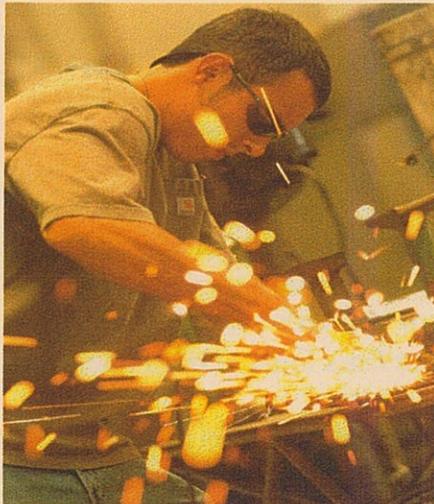
•NMSU College of Extended Learning provides a Distance Education Coordinator, Kathleen O'Connor, on-site at our Grants campus. Kathleen advises and supports upper division students (bachelor's through master's degree) to support degree completion.

•The Grants/Cibola School District's first IT Director and IT Tech hired are both AA graduates of NMSU-Grants Computer Science program and BA graduates of NMSU fully online Computer Science degree program.

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Our Career-Technical Programs



1. Certified Nursing Assistant
2. Auto Mechanics
3. Electronics/Electricity
4. Construction Trades
5. Welding
6. Auto CADD
7. Emergency Medical Tech
8. Creative Media
9. Correctional Officer Training Academy (COTA)
10. Junior Officer Law Enforcement Training Academy (JOLT) (*open to dual enrollment students during Spring breaks*)

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Correctional Office Training Academy (for CCA/Women's State prison and Western NM State Men's Prison both located in Grants)

- Our COTA and JOLT Programs can feed into our Criminal Justice (CJ) Program.
- Strategy for enrollment growth (including dual enrollment) in CJ: we just hired our first full-time tenure track faculty in CJ.
- NMSU offers the upper division CJ program fully online. First two baccalaureate CJ graduates in 2008 from Grants campus; without leaving Grants.

Rep. Ken Martinez and Western NM Prison Officer congratulate a Spring 2008 COTA graduate



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We've been innovative in our quest to serve our local workforce needs

Developed partnership with local hospital to deliver BSN Program

- In 2007 Cibola General Hospital provided a five-year gift of \$80,000/year to NMSU School of Nursing to deliver the BSN Program via live instructional television on our campus. Funding provides salary/benefits of MSN Clinical Nursing Faculty to oversee clinical experiences of Grants BSN students locally.
- First BSN cohort of five students began their four (4) semester BSN program Fall 2007. Only five students met BSN prerequisites for admittance.
- Second cohort of eight (8) BSN students begins this Fall 2008; 13 students applied. Maximum BSN cohort is 8 students due to Nursing Program accreditation standards for clinical experiences.
- Our Certified Nursing Assistant Program will be the pipeline into BSN. We are planning on building dual enrollment students into the C.N.A. Program; with possible C.N.A. certificate completion upon graduation from high school.

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Challenges:

- Faculty salary needed for startup of new program. Best source of startup funding for career/technical programs is Carl Perkins (federal) vocational grant funding. But this year NMSU-Grants did not qualify for a Carl Perkins grant. We are seeking grant funding to develop this program in future.
- Development of a new academic program is a 'contract' with students and requires we have a secure source of funding to hire a new faculty until student enrollment builds and formula funding kicks in.
- Rural communities with limited tax base are challenged to develop new/innovative programs that meet workforce needs. Our region is surrounded by federal and tribal lands that that limits our tax base.
- Serving the more rural students such as at Pinehill HS. This BIA School has been unable to cover the cost of textbooks and we do not have the resources to cover textbooks.

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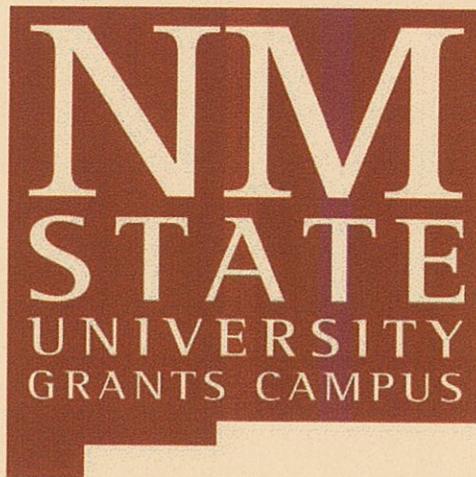
Future Plans

- The 2008 Legislative amendment to the dual enrollment law allows summer classes to count as dual enrollment.
- We envision developing special summer programs in an 'academy' format; much like our JOLT academy to introduce dual enrollment students to possible career pathways in Allied Health, Creative Media, Criminal Justice (JOLT), Computer Science, Teacher Education, etc.
- For instance, a week long Health Care Academy could provide students an overview of the varied health care occupations by meeting health care professionals and learning about the curriculum required. BSN students could be utilized to 'mentor' the dual enrollment students.



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**NMSU-Grants
Education Department
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The Education Department at NMSU-Grants offers an Associate in Early Childhood Education and an Associate in Education. The degree in Early Childhood Education consists of 71 total credits while the degree in Education consists of 68 total credits. Most education elective classes are offered on a rotational basis, whereas core classes are offered on a semester and student needed basis. Education classes are available as a traditional class or on-line and hybrid options.

Core classes for education degrees at NMSU-Grants include students learning the theoretical basis of best practices within education and the practical application of those theories. Students take courses in professionalism, literacy, reading instruction, ethical and legal issues, child development, and educational psychology. Instructors of these courses are veterans in the educational field; most have earned a master's level of education, and have specialized in the application of their particular subject.

Education students have an opportunity in most classes to participate in Service Learning. Service learning is an experience that offers students the opportunity to apply classroom curriculum in a community-based program and reflect on their learning with their peers. Currently education students can participate in service learning by tutoring elementary students as part of their literacy training in our program. Partnerships have been formed with surrounding schools so that students have a wide variety of options to choose where to meet their service learning requirements. Although a minimum amount of hours is associated with the service learning option, student assessment is based on their reflective practice of how the service learning experience has been connected to and enhanced their classroom curriculum understanding.

Both degrees offered in education are intended to prepare students for transfer to a four-year college for a completion of a bachelor's degree. Students wishing to transfer to NMSU-Las Cruces should consult with the Distance Education Coordinator for a transfer degree plan. The department head of the NMSU-Grants education department works closely with the distance education coordinator to ensure student classes can transfer within a bachelor program without the student losing credits.

The Education Department also is associated with The Reach To Teach Club, which supports the growth and development of pre-service teachers along with networking our students with experienced teachers in our area. Officers of the Reach To Teach Club are education students working on their degrees and most are currently working within the local school district.