

CAREERS FOR

Elementary Education

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Elementary School Teachers teach students from kindergarten through sixth grade all the fundamental academic subjects and help students to grow in their social learning among other developmentally appropriate learning. They primarily work in schools ranging from private to public including charter schools.

[UNM's Elementary Education](#) program offers an undergraduate degree with specialty areas in a number of teaching fields for the preparation and development of the professional educator. The program strives to prepare the very best entry-level teachers for all of New Mexico's children; such preparation is enriched by the diverse, contrastive linguistic and cultural communities of the region.

- Licensure is required in most states and will vary from state to state.
- [New Mexico's Licensure Requirements for Elementary Education \(K-8\)](#).

Industries & Target Employers

- Education: Public or private elementary school teacher. Licensure will allow individuals to teach K-8.
- Childcare: Independently owned businesses, corporate childcare services, military childcare, religious organizations, daycare centers, etc.
- Community Services: Not for profit, YMCA, YWCA, Camp programs, Residential Treatment Facilities, Rehabilitation programs, workforce programs, specialty group programs, adoption agencies, etc.
- Continuing/Certificate Programs: GED programs, Adult Education, Continuing Education programs, Board of Education, community colleges, professional associations, specialty populations (Prison or Correctional systems, Veteran's Reintegration programs, K-12 after school programs, etc.).
- Government: Research, Federal, state or city government, teaching, evaluation
- Social Services: Residential treatment facilities, youth services, senior services, Welfare and Health Departments, case management.
- Business: HR, Corporations, Marketing, Test-taking companies, publishers, sales, customer service organizations, not for profit organization, Training and Development, consultation, etc.

Top School Districts/Employers*

[Albuquerque Public Schools](#)

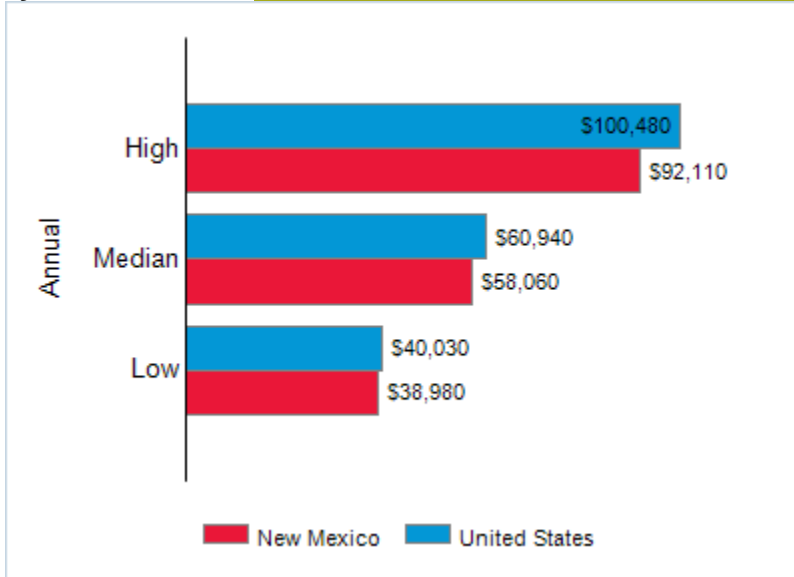
[University of New Mexico](#)

[Rio Rancho Public Schools](#)

[Los Lunas Schools](#)

*These school districts/employers have hired UNM graduates from UNM College of Education and Human Sciences.

Salary Information*: [Elementary School Teacher, Except Special Ed:](#)



*Career One Stop

Tips

- Don't wait until you are in your last semester of student teaching to discover whether teaching is a good fit for you! Conduct an [informational interview](#) with a teacher and job shadow in the classroom to get a real picture of this career field.
- UNM Career Services holds the Educators' Fair every April. New Mexico and out-of-state schools recruit students at this event, often doing interviews on site. Register for [Handshake](#) to see what school districts are attending the April fair.
- Get your resume looked over by a CDF before attending the educators' fair. Information about upcoming career fairs are found on [Career Services' website](#).

Learn More

- [National Education Association](#)
- [American Federation of Teachers](#)
- [American Library Association](#)
- [American Association of School Administrators](#)
- [National Center of Alternative Certification](#)
- [UNM College of Education](#)
- [New Mexico Department of Education](#)
- [Register for Handshake: Jobs for Lobos](#)
- [O*Net: Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook: Kindergarten and Elementary School Teachers](#)
- [Buzzfile Employers of Education Majors](#)
- [UNM Student Activity Center - College of Education Graduate Student Leadership Alliance](#)

Questions? Visit UNM Career Services in person! See our website for onsite walk-in hours. Or email onlinecareerservices@unm.edu or call 277-2531 to schedule an appointment.