

CAREERS FOR

Physical Education

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[UNM's Physical Education Teacher Education \(PETE\)](#) program prepares students to obtain a position in teaching and coaching, typically in a K-12 setting, related to areas around physical education, exercise, sports, recreation, nutrition, wellness and health.

- Licensure is required in most states and will vary from state to state.
- [New Mexico's Licensure Requirements for Physical Education \(K-12\)](#)
- [New Mexico's Licensure Requirements for Athletic Coach \(7-12\)](#)

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.

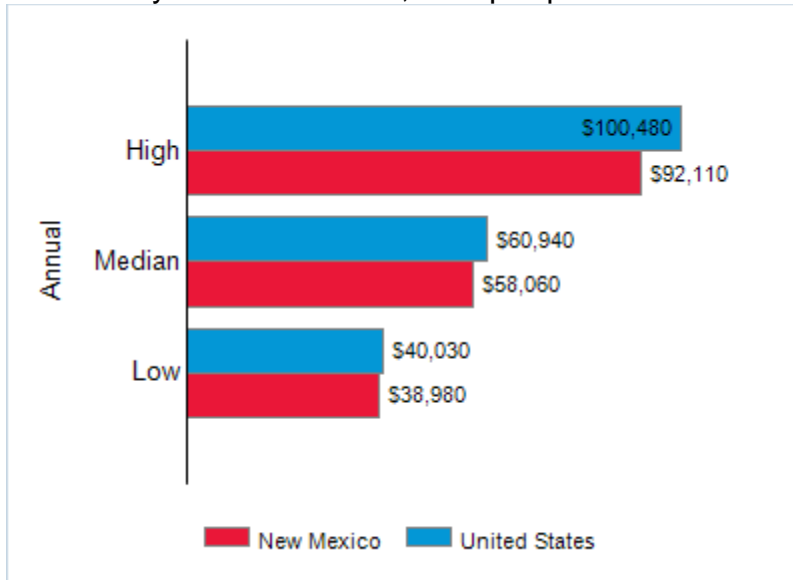
Top School Districts*

- [Albuquerque Public Schools](#)
- [University of New Mexico](#)
- [Rio Rancho Public Schools](#)
- [Los Lunas Schools](#)
- [Santa Fe Public Schools](#)
- [Gallup-McKinley County Public Schools](#)

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

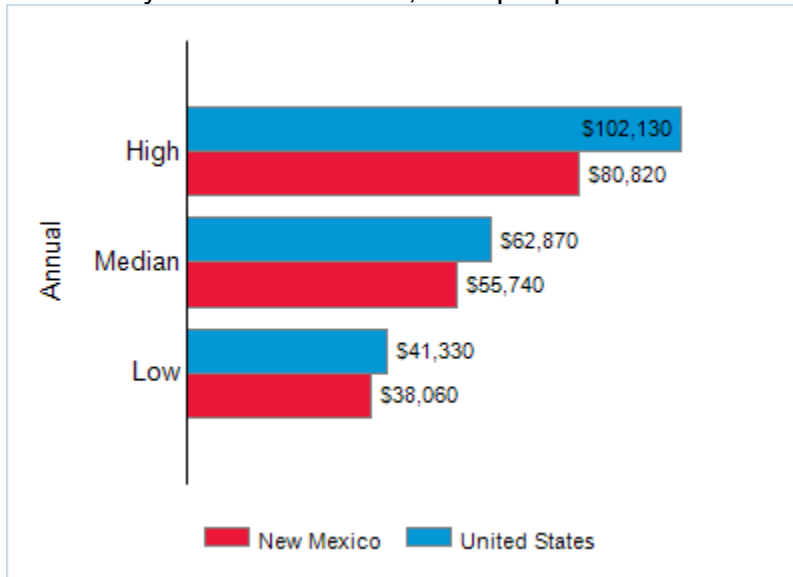
Salary Information*

Elementary School Teacher, Except Special Ed:



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Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education



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Tips

- Have you ever shadowed a physical education teacher to see what it's like as a teacher (instead of a student)? 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 physical education teacher as well as job shadow at their school to get a realistic snapshot 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 [UNM Career Services webpage](#).
- Obtain a [graduate degree](#) for a deeper dive into physical education later in your teaching career for a robust increase in your skillsets and knowledge base as well as an automatic salary increase!

Learn More

[National Education Association](#)

[American Federation of Teachers](#)

[American Association of School Administrators](#)

[American Library Association](#)

[National Association for Sport and Physical Education](#)

[National Center of Alternative Certification](#)

[New Mexico Department of Education](#)

[President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition](#)

[Society of Health and Physical Educators \(SHAPE\)](#)

[UNM College of Education](#)

[Register for Handshake: Jobs for Lobos](#)

[O*Net: Elementary School Teacher, Except Special Ed](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook; Middle School Teachers](#)

[UNM Student Activity Center - College of Education Graduate Student Leadership Alliance](#)

[Buzzfile Employers by Major; Education](#)

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.