

## TRANSFER CREDIT

### Transferring Credit to NMJC

Any applicant for admission who has attended another college or university must submit his / her previous collegiate record. Students must request that each previously attended college or university send an official transcript directly to New Mexico Junior College Registrar's Office. Credits earned at other postsecondary institutions may be transferred and applied toward program requirements in accordance with the following guidelines:

- an official transcript from each institution attended must be sent directly to the NMJC Records Office for evaluation.
- an evaluation must be requested.
- New Mexico Junior College offers an equivalent course or if there is not an equivalent course in the master NMJC Catalog, a course may be accepted for elective hours in a student's degree program if all other requirements listed above are met;
- there is a course description available in the transfer institution's official catalog;
- the course work at the transfer institution is considered college level (not transitional or high school level) credit;
- credit will not be given for upper division courses from another institution unless there is an articulation agreement in place;
- courses that are accepted in transfer to New Mexico Junior College will be listed on the NMJC transcript with the letter grade and the number of hours accepted but the grade and hours will not be calculated into the grade point average or hours completed on the NMJC transcript; and
- the transfer hours accepted can be applied to a certificate and / or an associate degree.

If students have questions about the evaluation of transfer credit, they may contact the Dean of Enrollment Management. Transfer Among New Mexico Higher Education Institutions

To facilitate the transfer of students and course credits among New Mexico's colleges and universities, the state's public institutions of higher education are required to accept in-transfer courses taken within approved modules of lower-division course work and apply them toward degree requirements. New Mexico's colleges and universities have developed transfer guides, consistent with requirements of state law (21-1B, NMSA 1978), to assist students who plan to transfer. Guides for several four-year New Mexico colleges and universities are available from the Academic Advisement and Counseling Office.

### Transferable Lower-Division General Education Common Core

Students who have not yet selected either an academic focus or the institution where they wish to graduate are advised to take courses during their freshman year outlined in the Lower Division General Education Common Core. A Core Matrix of approved courses guaranteed to transfer and meet general education requirements at any New Mexico college or university can be found on the New Mexico Higher Education Department website at [www.hed.state.nm.us](http://www.hed.state.nm.us). Courses are listed by institution.

The course prefix and number that appear in parenthesis next to many of the institutions' internal course prefixes and numbers is the New Mexico Common Course Number. It serves as a single reference point for

courses taught throughout the state that share substantially equivalent content. Courses bearing this designation are part of a statewide equivalency table that cross references the institutional course and number with the universal “common course number,” creating an easy one-to-one match.

Students may find the New Mexico Common Course Number listed in crosswalks, degree outlines, transfer guides, and in course descriptions in college catalogs and websites. The common course number “connects” equivalent courses at multiple institutions ensuring students that the course will transfer to the receiving institution and meet degree requirements as if it were taken on that campus. The New Mexico Common Course Number has an alpha prefix that identifies readily to the subject area.

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Students should consult with an academic advisor about which specific courses fit these categories. Students preparing for careers in engineering, health sciences, or other profession-related fields are advised that some of this course work may not transfer toward general education requirements, but in most cases will apply toward elective requirements.

Lower division transfer modules presently exist for: business, criminal justice, and early childhood education. Copies of these transfer modules may be obtained from the Counseling Office or from the New Mexico Higher Education Department website at [www.hed.state.nm.us](http://www.hed.state.nm.us).

Because not all NMJC courses are designed to transfer to other colleges and universities, students planning to transfer from NMJC to a two- or four-year college or university in New Mexico should meet with an academic advisor. Advisors can assist students in choosing which NMJC classes will best meet their educational plans. Planning for effective transfer with maximum efficiency is ultimately the student’s responsibility. Responsible transfer planning includes early and regular consultation with the intended degree-granting institution to assure that all pre-transfer coursework will meet the requirements of the desired degree.

Students who have decided on a major and / or an institution at which to complete their studies should obtain a transfer guide or catalog and consult with an academic advisor at that particular institution to determine the most appropriate course selections. Students enrolling for the first year of study at a New Mexico college or university and considering possible transfer into a certificate and / or degree program at another institution are encouraged to take the courses approved for transfer during their freshman and sophomore years of study Transfer Credit Appeal.

In accordance with New Mexico state regulations, NMJC has established the following procedure for receiving and resolving complaints from students or from other complainants regarding the transfer of course work from other public institutions in the state:

1. File a written appeal with the Registrar’s Office providing the prefix / number of the course(s) in question, semester and year the course was taken, the name of the course, and the course description from sending institution’s catalog.
2. If the request is denied, the student may continue the appeal process to the Academic Standards Committee and must do so no later than 30 days following the notification of denial.

3. The Academic Standards Committee, in concert with the appropriate college division and / or content area, will review applicable materials and render a final decision.

If the course or courses in question are part of a state-approved transfer module, the student may make further appeal to the Higher Education Department in Santa Fe by contacting:

Deputy Secretary for Academic Affairs

New Mexico Higher Education Department

2048 Galisteo Street

Santa Fe, NM 87505-1650

If a student's articulation complaint is upheld at that level and the student was required to repeat the course, the receiving institution shall reimburse the student the complete cost, including tuition, books, and fees of each course the student was required to repeat at the receiving institution.