

High School Equivalency Program Newsletter

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HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM



Let us be your path to a successful future

Our Mission

Ensuring that migrant seasonal farmworker students receive an educational program that alleviates barriers to obtaining a high school equivalency credential leading to better opportunities for success in life.

Who qualifies for HEP?

- * Has worked at least 75 days in the past 24 months in migrant/seasonal farm work
- * Does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent
- * Is not currently enrolled in high school
- * Is at least 16 years old
- * Demonstrates academic and financial need

HEP would like to welcome our new Program Manager

Brandy Corry

Ms. Corry grew up in Arroyo Hondo, New Mexico and has been managing educational grant programs for UNM-Taos since 1999. Having studied Psychology and Human Services, promoting positive interactions between staff and students keeps her passionate about the often-changing nature of grant work. She is committed to working with students in rural and often isolated areas.

"I see education as great way to reach a large number of people trying to improve their lives. I find the challenge of providing equitable, quality services to rural towns interesting. My purpose is to use my experience and skills in a way that promotes the wellbeing of our students and the communities we serve."



HEP Provides

- Academic Assistance
- Cultural Enrichment
- Support Services
- Financial Assistance
- Transition Services

HEP Staff

Brandy Corry	Program Manager
Marta Romero	Sr. Student Advisor
Denise Trujillo	Sr. Student Advisor



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Classes in Española too!

What's New At HEP?

We are excited to announce the newest members of our HEP team

NEW HEP Instructors!

Instructors assist students on their educational journey as they prepare to obtain their High School Equivalency (HSE) Credential

Will McGuire



Mr. McGuire grew up in northern Wisconsin. He studied English and Theatre at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Will has traveled to many places and spent two years teaching English in Taiwan. He moved to Taos in 2014 and obtained a Secondary Teaching license from Northern New Mexico College in Española. He is certified as a high school teacher of English, Mathematics, and Performing Arts.

Will taught at Vista Grande High School in Taos for two years. He joined the High School Equivalency Program in January and has been instructing students in all core subject areas to help them prepare for official exams. Will is passionate about education and is enthusiastic about teaching. He is excited to be helping students earn their HSE.

Paula Reid

Ms. Reid has experience working with youth and young-adult populations. Paula has served as a tutor for ESL Reading and Writing as well as an instructor for English and study skills. Paula's background includes a Masters Degree in Education for At-Risk Youth as well as a Baccalaureate Degree in Fine Arts with licensures in teaching Art and English. Paula instructs Social Studies, Language Arts—Reading and Writing. She is looking forward to working with students in meeting their academic needs.



Richard Rieckenberg



Mr. Rieckenberg is a retired Nuclear Engineer and Cold War Submarine Officer with a MA in Education and a BA in Mathematics. Richard has taught Mathematics, Science and Computer Science at Northern New Mexico College and at Española Valley High School. Richard has experience as a Senior Instructor at the Navy's Nuclear Power Training Unit, training Submarine Officers. He has taught English around the world and has coached and given motivational seminars on leadership. Richard will be teaching students Mathematics and Science.

Serving students in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties



We offer classes in Taos and Española

Española classes are located at
Stroke Center
735 N Old Veterans Hwy.
Española, NM
Mon.—Thurs. 2pm—6pm

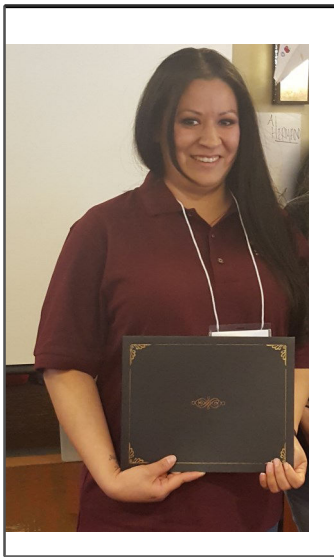
Taos classes are located at
630 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Suite 100
Taos, NM
Mon.—Thurs. 9am—12pm



UNM-Taos HEP students attended the 2018 Southwest HEP/CAMP Student Leadership Conference on February 22-24, at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe, NM. Students engaged in workshops geared toward leadership and understanding what makes a great leader. Students experienced presentations aiming to inspire, motivate and challenge them in their academic journey. HEP/CAMP students throughout the southwest were in attendance making this a great opportunity to network with their peers and gain an understanding of what other students in the region are experiencing as participants of HEP and CAMP.



Nicole Guzman



UNM-Taos HEP proudly announces Nicole Guzman as a recipient of the Southwest HEP/CAMP Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year. Scholarships are based on community service, recommendation, personal essay, financial need and must be an active member of a HEP or CAMP. Nicole has been enrolled with UNM-Taos HEP since June 2017 and obtained her High School Equivalency Credential September 5, 2017. After HSE completion, Nicole worked with HEP as a tutor, mentoring students and assisting them in reaching their goals. Nicole is enrolled at UNM-Los Alamos where she is pursuing an Associates Degree in Business. She is currently employed at LANL.

Congratulations Nicole! We wish you the best in your future endeavors!

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UNM-Taos High School Equivalency Graduation Ceremony

May 10, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Sagebrush Inn and Conference Center

1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur in Taos





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UNM-Taos HEP Is Now Recruiting New Students

Seasonal or Migrant Farm Workers



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Prepare for your High School Equivalency (HSE) Credential
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Get your HSE Credential in as little as 6-8 weeks

Classes in Taos & Española