Candidates for any associate degree offered by any UNM College must meet the following University minimum degree requirements, and are subject to the following University limitations:

1. A minimum of 60 acceptable semester hours must be earned. Technical work may be included in these 60 hours, upon approval of the appropriate degree-granting academy.
2. Residency Requirement. A minimum of 15 semester hours must be earned in residence at UNM-Taos, exclusive of extension and correspondence credits. The remainder may be acceptable transfer credits earned at fully accredited institutions of higher learning and/or at regionally accredited career technical institutions.
3. Of the 60 hours minimum, no more than 9 semester hours may be earned by extension or correspondence.
4. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00.
5. For associate degrees the program must include a minimum of 18 semester hours in the following:
   a) At least 6 semester hours in communication skills (English, speech, linguistics, journalism).
   b) At least 6 semester hours in arts/ humanities/social sciences.
   c) At least 6 semester hours in mathematics/ natural sciences/behavioral sciences.
6. All courses fulfilling general education requirements must be a grade of C (not C-) or higher.
7. University Skills courses numbered 100 or below may not be used to satisfy any of the above requirements.
8. A maximum of 12 credits earned under CR/NC option may be allowed towards associate degree requirements.
9. Students will not be permitted to graduate if they have unresolved incomplete (I) grades on their academic record, or NR (Not Reported) grades on their record.
10. Career technical courses may not be used to satisfy general education requirements.
11. Students must be admitted to the program from which the degree is awarded.
12. Students are advised to apply for graduation one semester before their graduation. Applications are available in Student Affairs, 115 Civic Plaza Drive.

Certificates
Candidates for certificates offered by any of The University of New Mexico’s colleges or branches (except EMT) must meet the following minimum requirements and are subject to the following University limitations:

1. A minimum of 30 acceptable semester hours must be earned. Technical work may be included in these 30 hours upon approval of the certificate-granting program.
2. A minimum of 15 semester hours must be earned in residence at The University of New Mexico-Taos.
3. Of the 30 hours minimum, no more than 6 semester hours may be earned by extension or correspondence.
4. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00.

Second Certificate/Associate Degree
A second certificate or a second associate degree will not be granted until a student has earned a minimum of 15 semester hours in residence above the requirements for the first certificate or degree and fulfilled all requirements for the second certificate or degree including residence requirements.