



School Health Education  
Endorsement Requirements

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REQUIREMENTS:

A. Beginning teachers seeking an endorsement in health education to an initial level 1 New Mexico teaching license, must satisfy all of the requirements of the license as provided in NMPED rule for that license, which includes, among other requirements, 24-36 semester hours in health or health education.

B. Teachers seeking to add an endorsement in health education to an existing New Mexico teaching license of any level shall meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) pass the content knowledge test(s) of the New Mexico teacher assessments if provided in 6.60.5.8 NMAC, or predecessor New Mexico teacher licensure examination or accepted comparable licensure test(s) from another state, if available, in health education; or
- (2) successfully complete an undergraduate academic major (24-36 semester hours), or coursework equivalent to an undergraduate major in health or health education or a graduate degree in health or health education; or
- (3) obtain certification in health education for the appropriate grade level of New Mexico licensure from the national board for professional teaching standards.

Institutions of higher education that prepare teachers shall deliver the competencies in a NMPED approved endorsement program within a range of twenty-four (24) to thirty-six (36) semester hours of credit twelve (12) semester hours of which must be upper division credit.

As long as students stay within the HED credit number guidelines (24-36), twelve of which are upper division, they will meet the criteria laid out by NMPED.

For NMPED Competencies for Entry-Level Health Education Teachers, go to <http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/parts/title06/06.064.0007.htm>