

New Mexico Financial Aid Access Professional Certification

New Mexico Financial Aid Access Professional Certification

College Access Professionals work diligently to assist students in New Mexico with finding available aid to make higher education a possibility. Professionals who have a strong understanding of the financial aid application process, eligibility requirements, New Mexico State Aid eligibility requirements and how all of this works to meet the Cost of Attendance are better able to advise students and parents. The New Mexico Financial Aid Access Professional Certification provides training to interested High School Counselors and College Access Professionals

New Mexico
Financial Aid Access
Professional Certification



College Access Professionals work diligently to assist students in New Mexico with finding available aid to make higher education a possibility. Professionals who have a strong understanding of the financial aid application process, eligibility requirements, New Mexico State Aid eligibility requirements and how all of this works to meet the Cost of Attendance are better able to advise students and parents. The New Mexico Financial Aid Access Professional Certification provides training to interested High School Counselors and College Access Professionals. The training consists of 6 hours of instruction which includes videos with built-in knowledge checks and a demonstration of skills through the FAFSA Prototype. The training is provided free of charge to New Mexico Counselors and College Access Professionals.

This certification is sponsored by the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation with a goal of increasing the impact of professionals throughout the state. We know that the more people who can talk with parents and students and guide them through the process, the more students who will be able to make their goal of obtaining a college degree a reality. This certification can also provide professionals with validation of their competencies related to financial aid that can be used when applying for jobs.

Certification Component:

- Federal Student Aid Programs
- FAFSA Application Process
- New Mexico State Aid Programs
- Student Eligibility for Federal and State Aid
- Aid Options for Special Populations
- Cost of Attendance
- Understanding Financial Aid Award Letters
- Other Scholarship Options

New Mexico Financial Aid Access Professional Certification

There are two different tracks to receive the certification

COMPLETION COURSE

This course is available to everyone who has attended this in person training

Hybrid Option: In-Person and Online

- 6 hours of training which will include
 - Today's training covers all the in-person components
 - Online Components
 - Ways to Pay for College (grants, loans, scholarships)
 - Financial Aid Terminology
 - FAFSA Prototype Completion

FULL COURSE

This course is available to and access professional who wasn't able to attend this in person training

Fully Online Option: For anyone who didn't attend the in person training

- 6 hours of training which will include
 - Introduction to Federal Student Aid
 - Applying for Federal Student Aid
 - NM State Aid Opportunities
 - Scholarships
 - Understanding Award Letters
 - Serving and Advocating for Special Populations
 - FAFSA Prototype Completion

New Mexico Financial Aid Access Professional Certification

Who can earn the Certification?

- Anyone in New Mexico who completes the required components (Counselors, Financial Aid Office staff, Students...anyone)

How long is the Certification good for?

- 3 years

New Mexico Financial Aid Access Professional Certification

Once you successfully complete all the requirements you will receive an email with the official certification

If you are interested in the certification, scan this QR Code and fill out the interest form. We will send out the course link the first week in November.

