

VIEWBOOK FOR PROSPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

CENTRAL NEW MEXICO
COMMUNITY COLLEGE (USA)



CNM 
Central New Mexico
Community College

DESTINATION ALBUQUERQUE!



STUDY IN NEW MEXICO, U.S.A.

Begin an academic and cultural adventure in one of the United States of America's most unique cities. Set your goals high and rise to a bright future at Central New Mexico Community College.

Located in the middle of the state, Albuquerque is New Mexico's largest city and gateway to the striking region along the Río Grande. Here you will find abundant Native culture, a lively entertainment scene, filmmaking hotspots, dining, shopping and the world's largest balloon fiesta (New Mexico Tourism Department).

Albuquerque is a welcoming destination with stunning landscapes, 310 days of sunshine, gorgeous sunsets, blue skies and low humidity (Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau).

- The Sandía Mountains run along the eastern edge of Albuquerque. "Sandía" is Spanish for "watermelon." The mountains often give off a pinkish glow at sunset.
- A 2.7-mile aerial tramway located five miles northeast of Albuquerque whisks visitors to the top of 10,378 foot Sandía Peak in about 20 minutes. It is the longest tram in North America and has the third longest span in the world.
- While Microsoft is mainly associated with the Greater Seattle area, Bill Gates and Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen started the company in Albuquerque, where it was located from 1975 to 1979.

WHY CNM?

Two years at a community college can help you improve your English language skills and grow accustomed to education and culture in the U.S. Over 38% of US college students start at a community college and transfer.

ACCOLADES

CNM was ranked in the nation (out of all community colleges):

- 1st in American Indian graduates
- 2nd in Hispanic graduates
- 3rd in overall graduates



CAREER PATHWAYS

We offer more than 100 educational programs to ensure you acquire the skills you need for success in the workplace. Upon graduation, 95 percent of our students find jobs in their chosen careers.

COSTS ARE LOWER

Tuition at community colleges can be as much as 20 to 80 percent less than at four-year universities and colleges. This is a tremendous cost savings for the first two years of a bachelor's degree. CNM tuition and fees are among the most affordable and competitive in the country. See cnm.edu/global for CNM's current estimated cost of attendance.

TRANSFER PROGRAMS

CNM sends the most transfer students to both the University of New Mexico and New Mexico Highlands University. When you finish your associate degree, we will help you successfully continue on to a bachelor's degree and more!

SMALLER CLASSES, FACULTY ATTENTION

Professors and advisors provide more one-on-one attention to students. Many U.S. and international students say that attending a community college the first two years helped them make an easier transition into four-year colleges and universities. Our 24:1 student-faculty ratio means our professors focus on you. Average Class size: 20 Students.

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

CNM offers comprehensive support services at a one-stop location at its five campus locations. International students work with an assigned academic coach who will advise them from application through graduation and beyond. Students have access to academic advising, tutoring, disability resources and visa advisement.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Assistance Centers for Education (ACE) Tutoring Services is free to CNM students and can help you transition to CNM and enhance your academic skills. Expert staff offers individual support in the areas of statistics, mathematics and writing. We also have Achievement Coaches, who are very unique among community colleges because they go well beyond the common role of guidance counselors. They help students find ways to overcome personal and academic challenges, and they provide empowering encouragement.

CHOOSE FROM OUR WIDE RANGE OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Accounting-AAS	Geographic Information Technology- AAS
Advanced Systems Technology-AAS	Health Information Technology- AAS
Anthropology-AA	History-AA
Architectural/Engineering Drafting Technology- AAS	Hospitality and Tourism- AA
Automotive Technology- AAS	Human Services- AA
Aviation Technology- AAS	Integrated Studies-AAS
Biology-AS	Latin American Studies-AA
Biotechnology- AS	Liberal Arts-AA
Business-AS	Machine Tool Technology- AAS
Business Administration- AAS	Mathematics-AS
Career Technical-AA	Medical Laboratory Sciences-AAS*
Carpentry- AAS	Modern Languages- AA
Chemistry-AS	Nursing-AAS*
Communication-AA	Nutrition- AS
Computer Information Systems-AAS	Office Technology- AAS
Computer Science-AS	Optical Dispensing-AAS
Construction Management Technology- AAS	Paralegal Studies-AAS
Cosmetology-AAS	Patient Care Technician-CERT
Criminal Justice-AAS	Pharmacy Technician-CERT
Criminology-AA	Physics-AS
Culinary Arts- AAS	Plumbing and Gas Fitting- AAS
Dental Assisting-CERT*	Political Science-AA
Diagnostic Medical Sonography-AAS*	Pre-Health Sciences-AA
Diesel Equipment Technology- AAS	Pre-Law-AA
Early Childhood Multicultural Education- AA	Psychology-AA
Electrical Trades- AAS	Radiologic Technology-AAS*
Emergency Medical Services- AAS*	Respiratory Therapy-AAS*
Engineering-AS	Sociology-AA
English-AA	Surgical Technology-AAS
Environmental Planning & Design-AA	Surveying Engineering-AS
Exercise Science and Wellness- AAS	Teacher Education-AA
Film Technician-CERT	Theatre-AA
Fine Arts- AA	Veterinary Technology-AAS*
Fire Science-AAS	Welding- AAS

* Coordinated Program Entry screening process required

CERT-certificate, AAS-Associate of Applied Science, AS-Associate of Science, AA-Associate of Arts

Notes:

Degrees and certificates are subject to change without notice.

Contact a Designated School Official (DSO) to verify that major is available AND approved for international students.

Estimated number of terms vary by degree.

Please search cnm.edu for "Coordinated Program Entry" for more information about Health, Wellness & Public Safety limited availability programs.

HOUSING OPTIONS

There are two housing options available to international students:

- Search for a private apartment or room in Albuquerque. Visit expatistan.com/cost-of-living/Albuquerque for related cost of living information.
- Through CNM's agreement with nearby University of New Mexico, apply for university campus housing. Please visit housing.unm.edu to learn more.

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

Visit <https://www.cnm.edu/depts/global-education/cost-of-attendance>.

CNM ADVANTAGE SCHOLARSHIP:

CNM is offering a \$500 Advantage Scholarship (\$250 per term for the student's first two terms) to the first 10 accepted applicants.

In order to be eligible for this award, international applicants must:

- be accepted to CNM
- have their visa granted
- attend the Mandatory International New Student Orientation
- be registered for 12 credits or more
- remain registered through the end of each semester.

Each \$250 award will be posted and credited the day after that semester's census date.



Full of different cultures and peoples, New Mexico has been one of my best experiences - I love it! I couldn't think of a better place than Albuquerque or a better college than CNM.

Shannon (Cameroon)

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

Students gaining admission for the Fall and Spring terms - while you may study during the summers, you cannot begin your studies with the Summer Term.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

CNM has two programs to which international students may apply, based on English Proficiency:

1. College level admissions

Take one of the following English exams and have the qualifying scores sent to CNM:

- TOEFL minimum score of 61 (School ID: B444)
- IELTS minimum score of 6.0+
- CEFR minimum score of B2

Students who have received a C or better grade in a college-level, non-ESL English composition course at an accredited U.S. college or university are exempt from the above English language exams. We encourage you to submit your entire application package, including supporting materials, at least four months prior to the beginning of the term for which you are applying.

2. English as a Second Language (ESL) Pathway Admission:

Take one of the following English exams and have the scores sent to CNM:

- TOEFL score between 44-60
- IELTS score of 5.0
- CEFR score of B1 High

Please note that we will not accept scores older than two years for either admission categories.

The Application Process

- I. Verify English Proficiency
- II. Complete an online application at cnm.edu/global and upload scores from first step
- III. Pay the \$50 application fee
- IV. Send required academic records. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or have completed a secondary/high school program.

International application deadlines are June 1 for the Fall Term and November 1 for the Spring Term.

CNM does not require the SAT or ACT, but you may submit these test results to admissions@cnm.edu, as it will help your advisor recommend the best course level for you.

For more information or if you need assistance, email admissions@cnm.edu or globaleducation@cnm.edu.

CNM I-20 ISSUANCE

The U.S. government requires all international applicants to provide proof of ability to pay ALL tuition and living expenses for themselves (and their dependents, if applicable) before an I-20 can be issued.

After your admission, the Principal Designated School Official will guide you through the requirements of the I-20. Please anticipate the following steps:

Scan and email:

- A photo page of your valid passport
- All previous or current U.S. visas
- A CNM International Student Verification Form
- A CNM International Student Certification of Finances
- Proof of Financial Support (such as a bank statement)

COLLEGE FACTS

CNM Vision

Changing Lives, Building Community

CNM Core Values

Be Caring

Be Ethical

Be Inspiring

Be Courageous

Be Connected

Be Exceptional

We would love for you to come and Be CNM!



CNM was a huge step for me that I am very glad I took! I was surprised at the diversity on campus and how easy it was to form relationships with my professors and classmates.

Ahmed (Egypt)





HISTORY

CNM was approved by district voters in 1964 to provide adults with the skills necessary to gain employment and succeed in the workforce. Since its inception, CNM career-technical programs in business, health, technologies and trades have continually been redesigned to provide students with the most current and relevant skills needed by local employers. CNM was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 1978.

For more than 40 years, we have built a strong reputation in the community for providing high-quality, affordable instruction that has prepared countless people for rewarding careers.

We also contribute to the well-being of our communities in every way possible. As one example, our national award-winning Service Learning program has forged partnerships with hundreds of non-profit organizations to team up in student-driven participation efforts that enrich our communities and our students' appreciation for community service.

CNM is a nationally accredited community college offering courses in a variety of occupational and college transfer subjects.

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