

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED or department) will hold a public rulemaking hearing on May 16, 2018. The hearing will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will be held at NMHED located at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505. The purpose of the rulemaking hearing is to take public comment regarding proposed adoption of new rule **5.55.6 NMAC, GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM**.

Purpose:

The purpose of the proposed new rule is to accommodate for changes to Section 21-1B-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 (Post-Secondary Education Articulation Act) that occurred during the 2017 regular New Mexico legislative session. Whereas by statute the New Mexico Higher Education Department has the authority to adopt rules and regulations for the establishment, maintenance, and oversight of a comprehensive statewide general education curriculum that consists of lower-division college-level courses designed to provide a foundation for a liberal education, the department proposes new rule **5.55.6 NMAC, GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM**.

Summary of proposed rule:

The department proposes a new part number and name for the regulation of a statewide general education curriculum. The proposed rule establishes the following related to the statewide general education curriculum: a process by which the general education curriculum may be reviewed and revised; the New Mexico Curriculum and Articulation Committee; standards by which the department will maintain the general education curriculum; a process by which institutions may seek certification of new general education courses; factors for reviewing the certification of general education courses; how general education courses will transfer between institutions; complaint procedures for transfer students; and reporting requirements for institutions. Every public higher education institution receiving funding from the state of New Mexico shall be subject to the proposed new rule.

Details for Obtaining a Copy, Public Hearing and Comments: The proposed rule is available at NMHED located at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505-2100. The proposed rule is also posted on the NMHED website and may be accessed at <http://www.hed.state.nm.us/> under the "Recent Posting" section. To request that a copy of the proposed rule be sent to you by mail or e-mail, please contact core.competencies@state.nm.us or 505-476-8407.

A public hearing will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at NMHED on May 16, 2018. Any person who is or may be affected by this proposed rule may appear and testify. **Interested persons may submit written comments to NMHED at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or core.competencies@state.nm.us. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2018.** Please note that any written comments received will become part of the rulemaking record, be posted to the New Mexico Sunshine Portal, and be accessible to the public. If submitting written comments by email, please indicate in the subject line the number and section of each rule(s) for which you are providing comments. Oral comments will also be accepted at the rule hearing, subject to time limitations.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in Section 9-25-8 and Section 21-1B-1 et seq. NMSA 1978.

Any person with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing should contact 505-476-8407 or email core.competencies@state.nm.us ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.