



HLC Accreditation Evidence Document

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Description: Information from the College Prep Programs website on outreach and college readiness programs hosted by the university. This includes some documents targeted to Middle and High School students interested in going to college.

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Community Outreach & Campus Visits



The College Prep Outreach Programs operates year round and focuses on promoting student success and post-secondary education through workshops, campus visits and cooperative activities.

UNM Campus Visit - The College Prep Programs helps facilitate campus visit for student groups.

Cooperative Activities - Cooperative Games or initiative games are used to test a group's ability to communicate with each other, follow directions, and work together to solve a mentally difficult problem. The specific games are chosen depending on the need of the particular group participating and their age level. They often include warm-up activities that develop the basic skills which will be utilized during the activities as well as follow-up conversations, or processing, to allow the group to discuss how the games can be used in future to help the group work better as a team. **COST: FREE!**

College Awareness & Readiness Presentations - The College Prep Programs offers college & career readiness presentations both on and off campus for student groups and schools. Presentations are specifically prepared for each group. Topics include but are not limited to, College 101, Paying for College, Writing Scholarship Essays, Interview Skills and Resume Writing. **COST: FREE!**

Summer Residential Programs - Partner with the College Prep Programs to host your student group at the University of New Mexico. Each summer the College Prep Programs offers multiple college and career readiness summer residential programs. In addition to regular programming you can work with the College Prep Programs to build a custom and immersive summer program for your students that prepares them for college and allows them to have a real college experience. Prices for programming vary depending on the size of the group and length of the programming. **COST: VARIES**

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College Readiness Program



The College Readiness Program is a year round program that focuses on providing ACT prep and College & Career Preparation to low income, first generation and underserved populations.

Program Overview

The College Readiness Program has three components:

- Community Involvement.

Summer (June)

- Residential Program (3 days, 2 nights on the UNM Campus)
- Leadership & Team building activities
- Introduction to UNM Departments and student success programs

Fall Semester - Senior Year (August-November)

- 7 Saturday College & Career Readiness Workshops will be held throughout August-November. Topics include, financial literacy, college/scholarship essays, scholarships, and admissions, resumes, choosing a major & completing the FAFSA.

Participants work with mentor/tutors and staff throughout the program who support them as they put their new skills and information into practice.

**Workshops are usually every other Saturday from 830-1030am. Light snacks are provided.*

Why Apply?

- Gain the skills and resources to successfully navigate the college application process and prepare yourself for college life.
- One-on-one support and feedback
- **FREE ACT** – CPP will pay for up to 3 ACT tests. Student eligibility depends on class & summer program attendance.

Who should apply?

- Current High School Juniors who reside in the ABQ/Metro Area
- Low income and/or first generation and/or be in an underserved population
- Have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA

Cost

FREE!* 25 students are selected for this free year round college & career readiness program.

**Transportation to and from camp at UNM on the 1st & last day of summer programming & Saturday sessions must be provided by the parent/guardian or student.*

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Getting Into College

Tips for high school students

It's never too early to prepare for your future

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on exceling in Math & English. • Take challenging courses. • Join clubs, sports & volunteer at your school and community. • Carefully choose elective courses that interest you and meet college requirements. • Meet with your counselor and let them know you are interested in going to college. • Start talking about college plans with your parents and what you all can do to start preparing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for work and internships that align with your future career goals. These type of networking opportunities can lead to future careers. • Begin researching colleges and their requirements. • Maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA. This is important for college admissions and scholarship opportunities. • Look for programs in your school that will help you as you prepare for college. Check out the College Prep Programs website for opportunities. www.cpp.unm.edu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep for the ACT – You can find practice tests at act.org or sign up for prep courses in your area. • Take the ACT late in the spring semester. This will give you time to review more if you need to take it again in your senior year. • Visit colleges you are interested in and narrow down your choices. • Check in with your counselor to make sure you are on the right track. • Start looking into scholarship opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure the classes you are taking fulfill any leftover requirements for your college choices. • Maintain your GPA, do not let “senioritis” kick in! • Look into Dual Credit courses offered at local colleges. • Take the ACT preferably by the October Exam. Some colleges & scholarships will require scores. • Complete your FAFSA by October 1st! Look for a workshop at your school, or a nearby college/university.

Things to Consider When Choosing a College

- Admission Requirements & Deadlines
- Cost of Attendance
- Financial Aid Package
- Do they offer your intended major?
- Location: Rural vs. big city, weather, things to do, distance from home
- Size: School size and classroom size
- Student Success Programs and Resources
- Student Life: Dorms, activities, student groups

How to Apply for College

1. Talk to your school counselor about the subjects and careers that interest you and ask what colleges offer those types of programs.
2. Visit college websites to see what programs they offer and what other things the college has to offer and see if it looks like a good fit for you.
3. Complete an online application or print application.
4. Send in your official high school transcript and an official ACT/SAT score.
5. Include the non-refundable fee. If you cannot afford the application fee, ask if they have a fee waiver.

Find out more about the College Prep Programs at www.cpp.unm.edu

Prepare for College

- Find something you are passionate about and volunteer your time to make a difference in your community.
- Start setting SMART academic and personal goals!
- Be careful what you share, post & like on social media! Future employers, colleges and scholarships may look at these sources to learn more about you. Security settings don't always work.
- Read, read, and read! Reading helps you learn new things, acquire new vocabulary and language, and will help you prepare for challenging courses in the future.
- Create and maintain strong study habits. Doing something as simple as this will help you in college and beyond. Stay organized and study hard!
- Do your best in school, especially your core classes. Math, Science, English, and Social Sciences are all important classes. If you do well in them, this will help you on standardized tests like the ACT, and set you up for success in college.

Paying for College

- FAFSA – FREE Application for Federal Student Aid. Complete the FAFSA **EVERY** year beginning October 1st to qualify for the student aid below. Check for priority deadlines at your college.
 - Grants – Free money that does not need to be repaid. Grants are need based.
 - Loans – Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest.
 - Work-study – Money you earn working on campus.
- Scholarships – Free money! There is no limit on the amount of scholarships you can get. Apply, apply, apply! You can find scholarships for just about anything. Talk with your counselor about available scholarships.
- Deferred Payment Plan – Ask if your school will let you set up a payment plan to pay tuition and other costs.
- Work – Get a part-time job to help pay for college.

Career Research

- Think about what you want to do in the future and find someone who has your dream job. Set up some time to chat with that person and learn more about their career path. Here are some great questions to ask. What is the best and worst part of your job? How did you know you wanted to be a ...? How long did you have to go to school? What were your classes like?
- Think about what makes you unique? What are your hobbies? The things that make you “you” are great places to start when looking at career choices. If you like to draw and paint, consider being an Artist, Art teacher, or Designer.
- Look for opportunities to learn more about different career fields. For example the UNM CEOP-College Prep Programs offers a College Readiness Program & STEM focused program for high school students.
- Find jobs/internships that align with your career goals, network and learn as much as you can. Remember to be professional, these are the people who can help you move into your dream job.

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College Research

- Talk to your parents, teachers, and counselors about college. Ask them, how you get there? How many years do you spend in college? What kinds of colleges are there?
- Research different universities and academic programs online. You can learn all sorts of things from the university’s website. Interested in a school in your state? Look up what colleges are in your state, and how to get into them.
- Set up a college visit with your family, school, or friends. Visiting colleges provides you with the opportunity to see first-hand what different colleges are like.
- Visit college fairs. They are free and a great way to see what colleges are out there.

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Prepare for College

- Get involved in sports, clubs, and after school activities at your school and in your community. These will allow you to explore your interests further and learn new and exciting things.
- Find something you are passionate about and volunteer your time to make a difference in your community.
- Get an early start at college. Ask your high school counselor about dual credit courses.
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