

Report of 1996-1998 College of Education Surveys

(Student Surveys)

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Graduate Alumni Survey

Overview of Graduate Student Alumni Questionnaires

In the Spring of 1998, the College of Education (CoE) sent out written questionnaires to recent New Mexico State University graduate students. The following summary comments are based on generalizations taken from these questionnaires and are intended to represent the views of those graduates.

Over 100 recent graduate alumni responded and indicated general satisfaction with their experience in the College of Education. They were especially pleased with their relationships with the faculty and staff. Several also cited specific classes as memorable.

Although the alumni were satisfied overall with their education at the CoE, several highlighted areas of concern. These areas included use of technology, working with students with disabilities, working with parents, working with external agencies, and classroom management and discipline. Furthermore, the alumni expressed a general suggestion that the college utilize less theory in the coursework and incorporate more current practical knowledge.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

(N=139; not all respondents answered all questions)

1. When did you graduate from New Mexico State University? (Indicate month & year)
Month _____, 19_____

2. What degree did you earn?
62.5% 1. Masters of Arts
27.7% 2. Masters of Arts in Teaching/Licensure
0.1% 3. Specialist in Education
3.0% 4. Doctorate of Education
6.7% 5. Doctorate of Philosophy

3. Where did you earn your undergraduate degree?
44.6% 1. NMSU
55.4% 2. Other institution

4. In what department/program did you receive your graduate degree?
56.5% 1. Curriculum & Instruction
7.6% 2. Educational Management & Development
2.4% 3. Counseling & Educational Psychology
15.9% 4. Special Education
17.5% 5. Communication Disorders
0.1% 6. Other

5. Which of the following best describes your present employer?
65.4% 1. Public School 4.0% 7. Private Business
7.6% 2. Private School 2.0% 8. Government
0 3. Vocational School/Technical 3.3% 9. Nonprofit Organization
5.3% 4. Junior/Community College 3.3% 10. Not Applicable
5.3% 5. University/College 5.3% 11. Other
4.7% 6. Clinic/Hospital

6. Which of the following categories best describes your current position?
0 1. Instructional Assistant
2.8% 2. Substitute Teacher
56.2% 3. Teacher
1.4% 4. Counselor
(1) School
(1) Educational
(1) Clinical
3.5% 5. Manager/Administrator
(1) School Principal
(1) Central Office
(1) Superintendent
(3) Higher Education
5.6% 6. Professor
18.1% 7. Speech Language Pathologist/Speech Language Technician
3.4% 8. Student (Indicate institution) _____
(2) Ed. S.
(3) Ph. D.
(1) Ed. D.
0.7% 9. Not Employed
8.3% 10. Other (Please specify) _____

7. What year did you earn your undergraduate degree? _____

8. How long have you been employed in a professional position?
13.2% 1. 1 year or less
14.0% 2. 2 years
72.8% 3. 3 years or more
9. Which of the following best describes the educational level at which you are working?
4.9% 1. Early Childhood 19.1% 5. High School
17.9% 2. Elementary 9.3% 6. University/College
19.8% 3. Middle School 12.3% 7. Speech Pathology
9.3% 4. Special Education 7.4% 8. Other (Please specify)
10. In what state are you currently employed?
61.8% 1. New Mexico 1.5% 4. California
16.2% 2. Texas 4.4% 5. Colorado
4.4% 3. Arizona 11.7% 6. Other (Please indicate)
11. Which of the following best describes employment as it relates to your major?
81.9% 1. Employed in Major Field 7.2% 4. Employed in Unrelated Field
13.0% 2. Employed in Related Field 0.7% 5. Involuntarily Unemployed
2.2% 3. Voluntarily Unemployed
12. Indicate your satisfaction with your present position.
55.2% 1. Very Satisfied 5.6% 3. Unsatisfied
56.9% 2. Satisfied 1.4% 4. N/A
13. Indicate the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your overall educational experience in the College of Education.
36.5% 1. Very Satisfied 6.6% 3. Unsatisfied
56.9% 2. Satisfied 0 4. N/A
14. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your course work in the College of Education?
33.8% 1. Very Satisfied 9.4% 3. Unsatisfied
56.8% 2. Satisfied 0 4. N/A
15. Which of the following describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding the advisement you received while attending NMSU?
33.1% 1. Very Satisfied 22.3% 3. Unsatisfied
43.9% 2. Satisfied 0.7% 4. N/A
16. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your student teaching or internship assignment?
41.3% 1. Very Satisfied 5.1% 3. Unsatisfied
33.3% 2. Satisfied 20.3% 4. N/A
17. Do you feel your educational experience at NMSU adequately prepared you for your profession or graduate school?
31.7% 1. Very Satisfied 7.2% 3. Unsatisfied
60.4% 2. Satisfied 0.7% 4. N/A
18. Rate the academic rigor of the course work within the College of Education.
27.3% 1. Very Challenging 14.0% 3. Not Challenging
58.7% 2. Challenging 0 4. N/A

21. What suggestions do you have for improving the College of Education’s professional preparation program in which you participated?

There were numerous department-specific recommendations made. General comments included:

- several recommendations for more use of, and training in, technology across all courses;
- suggestions that all faculty focus less on theory from journals and spend time in the public schools in order to stay current on what is happening practically and politically in the schools;
- several graduates implied that higher admission standards and more challenging coursework would be appropriate;
- numerous complaints about advising, especially of masters students; and
- calls for more effective faculty evaluation relative to their teaching.

The most common area mentioned dealt with “less theory and more practice.” This was across all areas with specific suggestions such as:

- more practicum time (including student teaching),
- more experience in the classroom before student teaching,
- more methods work (not just in Curriculum & Instruction),
- actual training in discipline and classroom management,
- more extensive SPED training for all,
- and better preparation for the politics of the world of education.

Additional recommendations called for a course in available external agencies/outside resources, an undergraduate law course (including Special Education law), special bilingual methods courses, and mentors for graduate students.

22. Please share a positive experience about your educational preparation within the College of Education at NMSU.

The positive experiences shared can be easily grouped into the following areas (percentages refer to percent of total responses to this question):

Specific faculty member(s)	33%
Specific class(es)	23%
Overall faculty/staff	17%
Student teaching/internship/practicum program	12%
Other	15%

Within “Other,” five individuals specifically cited a research/presentation opportunity and another five mentioned the cooperative learning experience.

23. In what area do you feel you were best prepared?

Over 29% of the respondents identified their major field, or a significant portion of that field, as the area in which they were best prepared. Most of these responses were in the areas of Special Education/Communication Disorders, Educational Management & Development, and Counseling & Educational Psychology. Within Curriculum & Instruction, but to a lesser degree the other programs as well, some comments were more specific. Of this group, 8% cited critical thinking, 12% mentioned technology, and 40% pointed to their area of specialty or other areas related to methods classes. The remainder cited several areas: better appreciation of diversity issues (to include special education, cultural considerations, and learning styles); classroom management and discipline; legal issues; early childhood education; linguistics, literacy, and bilingual education; and research.

24. Please share any additional comments you have regarding the College of Education and New Mexico State University.

A full 34% of the responses contained praise for the university, college, their department, or individual professors. About 10% were somewhat less than complimentary about the same groups. The

remainder contained a variety of comments and suggestions, usually directed at specific programs. Over 23% had suggestions and/or comments concerning classes, curriculum, and advising, both on-campus and at the remote locations. Six percent of the responses had serious comments concerning the cultural atmosphere of the college. Remaining comments included:

- make the programs tougher, or, as one student explained, “teach me to teach;”
- problems/questions with TEP selection process;
- better cooperation between departments and colleges, and with the Las Cruces Public Schools;
- update the program with the latest research and practice education, including parent-teacher-student communications;
- need more emphasis on reading in both early childhood and secondary education;
- pay the professors more;
- need better relations with recent alumni (“don’t ignore us”); and
- various comments on individual and departmental teaching styles.

Student Teacher Survey

Overview of Student Teacher Questionnaires

In the Spring of 1998, the College of Education (CoE) sent out written questionnaires to recent student teachers. The following overview is based on generalizations taken from over 150 of these questionnaires. These summary comments represent the views of student teachers in different licensure programs.

An overall summary is provided, as well as breakouts of the summarized comments from graduate students who were involved in student teaching and from students who did their student teaching in secondary education.

Generally, the level of satisfaction among student teachers with the teacher preparation program is very high. However, there are a few areas within the program with which students are less satisfied. These include classroom management and discipline, working with parents, and working with students with disabilities. Moreover, many of the respondents expressed a desire for more practical knowledge and less theory. They voiced the need for more time and experiences in the K-12 classroom for both themselves and the college faculty.

SUMMARY OF ALL RESPONSES

1. When did you graduate from New Mexico State University (indicate year & month).
Month _____, 19____.
2. What degree did you earn?
 - 151 A. Bachelor of Science in Education (some students were in dual programs)
 - 35 1) Special Education
 - 33 2) Secondary Education
 - 117 3) Elementary Education
 - 1 4) Communications Education
 - ___ B. Bachelor of Science in Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
 - ___ C. Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training Education
 - 26 D. Master of Arts

NUMBER

TEACHING FIELDS/NON-TEACHING (indicate more than one if appropriate)

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| <u>22</u> a. Bilingual Education | <u>18</u> g. Mathematics |
| <u>3</u> b. Business Education | <u>4</u> h. Physical Education |
| <u>7</u> c. Foreign Languages | <u>10</u> i. Reading |
| <u>11</u> d. General Science | <u>18</u> j. Social Studies |
| <u>63</u> e. Language Arts | <u>1</u> k. Athletic Training |
| ___ f. TESOL | <u>5</u> l. Other (Indicate) _____ |

3. Which of the following best describes your present employer?

<u>76</u> 1. Public School	<u>11</u> 7. Private Business
<u>1</u> 2. Private School	<u>2</u> 8. Government
___ 3. Vocational School/Technical	<u>3</u> 9. Nonprofit Organization
___ 4. Junior/Community College	<u>10</u> 10. Other _____
<u>6</u> 5. University	
___ 6. Clinic/Hospital	
4. Which of the following categories best describes your current position?
 - ___ 1. Instruction Assistant
 - 46 2. Substitute Teacher
 - 31 3. Teacher (Indicate Subject/Grade Level)
 - ___ 4. Speech-Language Pathologist
 - 33 5. Graduate Student (indicate university attending) _____
 - 33 MA
 - ___ Ph.D.
 - ___ Ed.D.
 - 51 6. Not Employed
 - 4 7. Other (Please Specify) _____
5. How long have you been employed in a professional position?
 - 79 1. 1 year or less
 - 9 2. 2 years
 - 13 3. 3 years or more

6. Which of the following best describes the educational level?

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| <u>7</u> 1. Preschool/Early Childhood | <u>24</u> 4. High School |
| <u>67</u> 2. Elementary | <u>18</u> 5. N/A |
| <u>10</u> 3. Middle School | <u>3</u> 6. Other (Please Specify) _____ |

7. Indicate the state in which you are currently employed.

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| <u>104</u> 1. New Mexico | <u>1</u> 4. California |
| <u>3</u> 2. Texas | <u>1</u> 5. Colorado |
| <u>3</u> 3. Arizona | <u>1</u> 6. Other (Please Indicate) _____ |

8. Which of the following best describes employment as it relates to your major?

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| <u>55</u> 1. Employed in Major Field | <u>19</u> 4. Employed in Unrelated Field |
| <u>21</u> 2. Employed in Related Field | <u>27</u> 5. Involuntarily Unemployed |
| <u>13</u> 3. Voluntarily Unemployed | |

9. Indicate your satisfaction with your present position.

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| <u>38</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u>19</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>58</u> 2. Satisfied | <u>11</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

10. Indicate the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your overall educational experience in the College of Education in NMSU.

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| <u>32</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u>21</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>115</u> 2. Satisfied | <u>5</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

11. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your field experiences prior to student teaching?

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| <u>42</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u>38</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>89</u> 2. Satisfied | <u>6</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

12. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your student teaching or internship assignment?

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>113</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u>12</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |
| <u>41</u> 2. Satisfied | <u> </u> 5. N/A |
| <u>9</u> 3. Unsatisfied | |

13. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your course work in the College of Education?

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| <u>26</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u>39</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>109</u> 2. Satisfied | <u>3</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

14. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel toward the General Education components of your program? (Non-College of Education courses)

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| <u>18</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u>22</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>125</u> 2. Satisfied | <u>4</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

15. Which of the following describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding the advisement you received while attending NMSU?

<u>16</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>43</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>97</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>20</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

16. To what degree did the College of Education prepare you in the following areas:

A. Classroom management and discipline

<u>16</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>55</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>71</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>34</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

B. Working with parents

<u>11</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>67</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>78</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>22</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

C. Working with a diverse student population

<u>52</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>17</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>103</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>6</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

D. Utilizing technology in the work place

<u>22</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>45</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>104</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>6</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

E. Working with students with disabilities

<u>36</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>55</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>78</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>8</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

F. Planning lessons

<u>32</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>39</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>101</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>6</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

G. Varying instructional strategies

<u>30</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>27</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>116</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>4</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

H. Assessing student's performance

<u>26</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>37</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>114</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>2</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

I. Integrating curriculum

<u>27</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>31</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>116</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>2</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

J. Organizing the classroom

<u>24</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>41</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>105</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>7</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

K. Self-evaluating you're teaching

<u>27</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>36</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>112</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>3</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

L. Knowledge of subject matter

<u>43</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>29</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>106</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>1</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

M. Applying appropriate learning strategies

24 1. Very Satisfied
126 2. Satisfied

25 3. Unsatisfied
1 4. Very Unsatisfied

N. Utilizing questioning strategies

23 1. Very Satisfied
114 2. Satisfied

32 3. Unsatisfied
6 4. Very Unsatisfied

O. Motivating students

38 1. Very Satisfied
102 2. Satisfied

38 3. Unsatisfied
1 4. Very Unsatisfied

P. Creative thinking

43 1. Very Satisfied
103 2. Satisfied

30 3. Unsatisfied
2 4. Very Unsatisfied

PERCENT

TEACHING FIELDS/NON-TEACHING (indicate more than one if appropriate)

13.6% a. Bilingual Education

11.1% g. Mathematics

1.9% b. Business Education

2.5% h. Physical Education

4.3% c. Foreign Languages

6.2% i. Reading

6.8% d. General Science

11.1% j. Social Studies

38.9% e. Language Arts

0.6% k. Athletic Training

0% f. TESOL

3.1% l. Other (Indicate) _____

3. Which of the following best describes your present employer?

69.7% 1. Public School

10.1% 7. Private Business

0.9% 2. Private School

1.8% 8. Government

_____ 3. Vocational School/Technical

2.8% 9. Nonprofit Organization

_____ 4. Junior/Community College

9.2% 10. Other _____

5.5% 5. University

_____ 6. Clinic/Hospital

4. Which of the following categories best describes your current position?

_____ 1. Instruction Assistant

27.9% 2. Substitute Teacher

18.8% 3. Teacher (Indicate Subject/Grade Level)

_____ 4. Speech-Language Pathologist

20.0% 5. Graduate Student (indicate university attending) _____

100.0% MA

_____ Ph.D.

_____ Ed.D.

30.9% 6. Not Employed

2.4% 7. Other (Please Specify) _____

5. How long have you been employed in a professional position?

78.2% 1. 1 year or less

8.9% 2. 2 years

12.9% 3. 3 years or more

6. Which of the following best describes the educational level?

<u>5.4%</u> 1. Preschool/Early Childhood	<u>18.6%</u> 4. High School
<u>51.9%</u> 2. Elementary	<u>14.0%</u> 5. N/A
<u>7.8%</u> 3. Middle School	<u>2.3%</u> 6. Other (Please Specify) _____

7. Indicate the state in which you are currently employed.

<u>92.0%</u> 1. New Mexico	<u>0.9%</u> 4. California
<u>2.7%</u> 2. Texas	<u>0.9%</u> 5. Colorado
<u>2.7%</u> 3. Arizona	<u>0.9%</u> 6. Other (Please Indicate) _____

8. Which of the following best describes employment as it relates to your major?

<u>40.7%</u> 1. Employed in Major Field	<u>14.1%</u> 4. Employed in Unrelated Field
<u>15.6%</u> 2. Employed in Related Field	<u>20.0%</u> 5. Involuntarily Unemployed
<u>9.6%</u> 3. Voluntarily Unemployed	

9. Indicate your satisfaction with your present position.

<u>30.2%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>15.1%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>46.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>8.7%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

10. Indicate the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your overall educational experience in the College of Education in NMSU.

<u>18.5%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>12.1%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>66.5%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>2.9%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

11. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your field experiences prior to student teaching?

<u>24.0%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>21.7%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>50.9%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>3.4%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

12. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your student teaching or internship assignment?

<u>64.6%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>6.9%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied
<u>23.4%</u> 2. Satisfied	_____ 5. N/A
<u>5.1%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	

13. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your course work in the College of Education?

<u>14.7%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>22.0%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>61.6%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>1.7%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

14. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel toward the General Education components of your program? (Non-College of Education courses)

<u>10.7%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>13.0%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>74.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>2.4%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

15. Which of the following describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding the advisement you received while attending NMSU?

<u>9.1%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>24.4%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>55.1%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>11.4%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

16. To what degree did the College of Education prepare you in the following areas:

A. Classroom management and discipline	
<u>9.1%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>31.3%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>40.3%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>19.3%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

B. Working with parents	
<u>6.2%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>37.6%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>43.8%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>12.4%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

C. Working with a diverse student population	
<u>29.2%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>9.6%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>57.9%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>3.4%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

D. Utilizing technology in the work place	
<u>12.4%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>25.4%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>58.8%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>3.4%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

E. Working with students with disabilities	
<u>20.3%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>31.1%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>44.1%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>4.5%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

F. Planning lessons	
<u>18.0%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>21.9%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>56.7%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>3.4%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

G. Varying instructional strategies	
<u>16.9%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>15.3%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>65.5%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>2.3%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

H. Assessing student's performance	
<u>14.5%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>20.7%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>63.7%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>1.1%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

I. Integrating curriculum	
<u>15.3%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>17.6%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>62.9%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>1.1%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

J. Organizing the classroom	
<u>13.6%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>23.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>59.3%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>4.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

K. Self-evaluating you're teaching	
<u>15.2%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>20.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>62.9%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>1.7%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

L. Knowledge of subject matter	
<u>24.0%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>16.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>59.2%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>0.6%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

M. Applying appropriate learning strategies			
<u>13.6%</u> 1. Very Satisfied		<u>14.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	
<u>71.6%</u> 2. Satisfied		<u>0.6%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied	
N. Utilizing questioning strategies			
<u>13.1%</u> 1. Very Satisfied		<u>18.3%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	
<u>65.1%</u> 2. Satisfied		<u>3.4%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied	
O. Motivating students			
<u>21.2%</u> 1. Very Satisfied		<u>21.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	
<u>57.0%</u> 2. Satisfied		<u>0.6%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied	
P. Creative thinking			
<u>24.2%</u> 1. Very Satisfied		<u>16.9%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	
<u>57.9%</u> 2. Satisfied		<u>1.1%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied	

17. Please comment on your preparation as it relates to your knowledge and ability to work with diverse cultural backgrounds. (Broadly interpreted)

Nearly 63% of the respondents indicated that they were satisfied with the multicultural preparation received from the CoE. Comments included praise for the consistent thread that runs through most classes and for specific instructors. Over 12% indicated that they were better prepared by their own life experiences and that the CoE training was of no additional value. The remaining 25% did not feel adequately prepared by their CoE experience or had strong negative comments about the training. The comments included: too much; not enough; too biased; need more special education considerations; bad instructors; need more ESL; need more practice, experience, and case studies; two classes were identical; and too much theory.

18. What suggestions do you have for improving the College of Education's professional preparation program?

The vast majority of responses hammered at certain themes over and over. These main themes were more classroom management training; more practical information and less theory; more, and better, field experiences; more in-class experience before student teaching; more SPED training (better preparation for inclusion); more training in computer use in the classroom; better advising; and faculty who have had some recent experience in the schools. One student went so far as to suggest a co-op program for teacher education. Other comments included: less "multicultural education;" more bilingual/ESL training; training for dealing with parents; evaluation of cooperating teachers; more funding for CoE (for full-time faculty); and more stringent TEP entry requirements.

19. Please share a positive experience about your educational preparation within the College of Education at NMSU.

Student teaching/practicum/field experience was considered the most positive experience in the CoE by 30% of the respondents. Another 22% cited specific teachers or classes, while 27% were more general in their praise. The networking opportunity was cited by 10%. Of the remainder, three respondents cited the director of advisement and one mentioned the job fair.

20. In what area do you feel you were best prepared?

The majority of responses fell into four categories: 42% cited content area or area of specialization; 14% cited classroom management; 13% cited lesson planning; and 12% cited multicultural/diversity issues. Several of the remainder specified people skills.

21. How do you feel the general education classes contributed to your education? (General Education classes are generally courses taken in the College of Arts and Sciences).

Of the responses, 72% were positive (more well-rounded, helped with content areas, etc.) and 28% were negative (waste of time, not relevant, could have been better, not necessary, etc.).

22. How would you describe the course work in the College of Education? (Did the classes adequately prepare you for your profession?)

Nearly 62% of the participants returned neutral to favorable responses, with many citing a desire for more practical information and less theory. The remaining 38% were strongly negative in their responses. They specified the need for more practical information as well as classroom management issues.

23. Please share any additional comments you have regarding the College of Education and New Mexico State University.

Of those providing comments, 32% indicated satisfaction with the entire program and mentioned highlights such as individual professors and student teaching. Approximately 16% were openly negative, recommending such things as a total “revamp” of the college. The remainder contained a variety of comments and suggestions. Several comments were directed at advising, requesting more help and even suggesting mentors. Numerous comments were received concerning the practical/theory issue. Most of them pointed to the need for more time in the classroom working with students and some specifically wanting more full-time professors who have some idea of what is going on “out there.” Students want to see more classroom management training as well as courses that discuss the paperwork, bulletin board, and parent-relations aspects of teaching. A few students expressed concern about cooperating teachers in student teaching, specifically on how they are selected and assigned. Several respondents suggested restructuring the Block courses and looking seriously at the instructors. Other comments included better communications between departments, suggestions for a phonics program, improving the Learning Resource Center support for students, and tougher criteria for TEP admission and on courses in general. A few respondents even suggested a full year of student teaching (with pay).

BREAKOUT--GRADUATE STUDENTS

1. When did you graduate from New Mexico State University (indicate year & month).
Month _____, 19____.
2. What degree did you earn?
 - _____ A. Bachelor of Science in Education
 - _____ 1) Special Education
 - _____ 2) Secondary Education
 - _____ 3) Elementary Education
 - _____ 4) Communications Education
 - _____ B. Bachelor of Science in Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
 - _____ C. Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training Education
 - _____ 25 D. Master of Arts (4 SPED, 6 Sec, 2 Elem, remainder unknown)

NUMBERS

TEACHING FIELDS/NON-TEACHING (indicate more than one if appropriate)

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| <u> 2 </u> a. Bilingual Education | <u> 2 </u> g. Mathematics |
| <u> </u> b. Business Education | <u> </u> h. Physical Education |
| <u> 4 </u> c. Foreign Languages | <u> 2 </u> i. Reading |
| <u> 3 </u> d. General Science | <u> 4 </u> j. Social Studies |
| <u> 5 </u> e. Language Arts | <u> </u> k. Athletic Training |
| <u> </u> f. TESOL | <u> 3 </u> l. Other (Indicate) _____ |
3. Which of the following best describes your present employer?

<u> 14 </u> 1. Public School	<u> 2 </u> 7. Private Business
<u> </u> 2. Private School	<u> 1 </u> 8. Government
<u> </u> 3. Vocational School/Technical	<u> </u> 9. Nonprofit Organization
<u> </u> 4. Junior/Community College	<u> </u> 10. Other _____
<u> 2 </u> 5. University	
<u> </u> 6. Clinic/Hospital	
 4. Which of the following categories best describes your current position?
(Respondents may have indicated more than one activity.)
 1. Instruction Assistant
 - 9 2. Substitute Teacher
 - 6 3. Teacher (Indicate Subject/Grade Level)
 4. Speech-Language Pathologist
 - 26 5. Graduate Student (indicate university attending) _____
 - 25 MA
 - Ph.D.
 - 1 Ed.D.
 6. Not Employed
 7. Other (Please Specify) _____
 5. How long have you been employed in a professional position?
 - 9 1. 1 year or less
 - 5 2. 2 years
 - 6 3. 3 years or more

6. Which of the following best describes the educational level?

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| <u> 2 </u> 1. Preschool/Early Childhood | <u> 8 </u> 4. High School |
| <u> 7 </u> 2. Elementary | <u> 2 </u> 5. N/A |
| <u> 3 </u> 3. Middle School | <u> </u> 6. Other (Please Specify) _____ |

7. Indicate the state in which you are currently employed.

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| <u> 17 </u> 1. New Mexico | <u> </u> 4. California |
| <u> 2 </u> 2. Texas | <u> 1 </u> 5. Colorado |
| <u> </u> 3. Arizona | <u> </u> 6. Other (Please Indicate) _____ |

8. Which of the following best describes employment as it relates to your major?

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| <u> 10 </u> 1. Employed in Major Field | <u> 3 </u> 4. Employed in Unrelated Field |
| <u> 6 </u> 2. Employed in Related Field | <u> 3 </u> 5. Involuntarily Unemployed |
| <u> 1 </u> 3. Voluntarily Unemployed | |

9. Indicate your satisfaction with your present position.

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| <u> 4 </u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 5 </u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u> 14 </u> 2. Satisfied | <u> 1 </u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

10. Indicate the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your overall educational experience in the College of Education in NMSU.

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| <u> 4 </u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 5 </u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u> 15 </u> 2. Satisfied | <u> 1 </u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

11. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your field experiences prior to student teaching?

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u> 7 </u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 5 </u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u> 14 </u> 2. Satisfied | <u> </u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

12. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your student teaching or internship assignment?

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u> 14 </u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 2 </u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |
| <u> 9 </u> 2. Satisfied | <u> </u> 5. N/A |
| <u> 1 </u> 3. Unsatisfied | |

13. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your course work in the College of Education?

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u> 3 </u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 8 </u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u> 13 </u> 2. Satisfied | <u> 1 </u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

14. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel toward the General Education components of your program? (Non-College of Education courses)

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| <u> 4 </u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 1 </u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u> 15 </u> 2. Satisfied | <u> </u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

15. Which of the following describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding the advisement you received while attending NMSU?

 3 1. Very Satisfied
 15 2. Satisfied

 7 3. Unsatisfied
 1 4. Very Unsatisfied

16. To what degree did the College of Education prepare you in the following areas:

A. Classroom management and discipline

 4 1. Very Satisfied
 7 2. Satisfied

 9 3. Unsatisfied
 6 4. Very Unsatisfied

B. Working with parents

 4 1. Very Satisfied
 8 2. Satisfied

 11 3. Unsatisfied
 3 4. Very Unsatisfied

C. Working with a diverse student population

 6 1. Very Satisfied
 17 2. Satisfied

 1 3. Unsatisfied
 2 4. Very Unsatisfied

D. Utilizing technology in the work place

 6 1. Very Satisfied
 15 2. Satisfied

 4 3. Unsatisfied
 0 4. Very Unsatisfied

E. Working with students with disabilities

 7 1. Very Satisfied
 12 2. Satisfied

 6 3. Unsatisfied
 1 4. Very Unsatisfied

F. Planning lessons

 2 1. Very Satisfied
 13 2. Satisfied

 9 3. Unsatisfied
 2 4. Very Unsatisfied

G. Varying instructional strategies

 2 1. Very Satisfied
 15 2. Satisfied

 8 3. Unsatisfied
 1 4. Very Unsatisfied

H. Assessing student's performance

 2 1. Very Satisfied
 15 2. Satisfied

 8 3. Unsatisfied
 1 4. Very Unsatisfied

I. Integrating curriculum

 2 1. Very Satisfied
 14 2. Satisfied

 9 3. Unsatisfied
 1 4. Very Unsatisfied

J. Organizing the classroom

 2 1. Very Satisfied
 15 2. Satisfied

 6 3. Unsatisfied
 3 4. Very Unsatisfied

K. Self-evaluating you're teaching

 2 1. Very Satisfied
 16 2. Satisfied

 7 3. Unsatisfied
 1 4. Very Unsatisfied

L. Knowledge of subject matter

 5 1. Very Satisfied
 15 2. Satisfied

 6 3. Unsatisfied
 0 4. Very Unsatisfied

M. Applying appropriate learning strategies

 2 1. Very Satisfied

 17 2. Satisfied

 6 3. Unsatisfied

 4. Very Unsatisfied

N. Utilizing questioning strategies

 2 1. Very Satisfied

 14 2. Satisfied

 7 3. Unsatisfied

 2 4. Very Unsatisfied

O. Motivating students

 2 1. Very Satisfied

 12 2. Satisfied

 12 3. Unsatisfied

 4. Very Unsatisfied

P. Creative thinking

 2 1. Very Satisfied

 15 2. Satisfied

 9 3. Unsatisfied

 4. Very Unsatisfied

PERCENT

TEACHING FIELDS/NON-TEACHING (indicate more than one if appropriate)

 8.0% a. Bilingual Education

 b. Business Education

16.0% c. Foreign Languages

12.0% d. General Science

20.0% e. Language Arts

 f. TESOL

 8.0% g. Mathematics

 h. Physical Education

 8.0% i. Reading

16.0% j. Social Studies

 k. Athletic Training

12.0% l. Other (Indicate) _____

3. Which of the following best describes your present employer?

73.7% 1. Public School

 2. Private School

 3. Vocational School/Technical

 4. Junior/Community College

10.5% 5. University

 6. Clinic/Hospital

10.5% 7. Private Business

 5.3% 8. Government

 9. Nonprofit Organization

 10. Other _____

4. Which of the following categories best describes your current position?

 1. Instruction Assistant

22.0% 2. Substitute Teacher

14.6% 3. Teacher (Indicate Subject/Grade Level)

 4. Speech-Language Pathologist

63.4% 5. Graduate Student (indicate university attending) _____

 (25) MA

 Ph.D.

 (1) Ed.D.

 6. Not Employed

 7. Other (Please Specify) _____

5. How long have you been employed in a professional position?

45.0% 1. 1 year or less

25.0% 2. 2 years

30.0% 3. 3 years or more

6. Which of the following best describes the educational level?

<u>9.1%</u> 1. Preschool/Early Childhood	<u>36.4%</u> 4. High School
<u>31.8%</u> 2. Elementary	<u>9.1%</u> 5. N/A
<u>13.6%</u> 3. Middle School	_____ 6. Other (Please Specify) _____

7. Indicate the state in which you are currently employed.

<u>85.0%</u> 1. New Mexico	_____ 4. California
<u>10.0%</u> 2. Texas	<u>5.0%</u> 5. Colorado
_____ 3. Arizona	_____ 6. Other (Please Indicate) _____

8. Which of the following best describes employment as it relates to your major?

<u>43.5%</u> 1. Employed in Major Field	<u>13.0%</u> 4. Employed in Unrelated Field
<u>26.1%</u> 2. Employed in Related Field	<u>13.0%</u> 5. Involuntarily Unemployed
<u>4.3%</u> 3. Voluntarily Unemployed	

9. Indicate your satisfaction with your present position.

<u>16.7%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>20.8%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>58.3%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>4.2%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

10. Indicate the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your overall educational experience in the College of Education in NMSU.

<u>16.0%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>20.0%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>60.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>4.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

11. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your field experiences prior to student teaching?

<u>26.9%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>19.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>53.8%</u> 2. Satisfied	_____ 4. Very Unsatisfied

12. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your student teaching or internship assignment?

<u>53.8%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>7.7%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied
<u>34.6%</u> 2. Satisfied	_____ 5. N/A
<u>3.8%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	

13. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your course work in the College of Education?

<u>12.0%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>32.0%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>52.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>4.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

14. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel toward the General Education components of your program? (Non-College of Education courses)

<u>20.0%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>5.0%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>75.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	_____ 4. Very Unsatisfied

15. Which of the following describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding the advisement you received while attending NMSU?

11.5% 1. Very Satisfied
57.7% 2. Satisfied

26.9% 3. Unsatisfied
3.8% 4. Very Unsatisfied

16. To what degree did the College of Education prepare you in the following areas:

A. Classroom management and discipline

15.4% 1. Very Satisfied
26.9% 2. Satisfied

34.6% 3. Unsatisfied
23.1% 4. Very Unsatisfied

B. Working with parents

15.4% 1. Very Satisfied
30.8% 2. Satisfied

42.3% 3. Unsatisfied
11.5% 4. Very Unsatisfied

C. Working with a diverse student population

23.1% 1. Very Satisfied
65.4% 2. Satisfied

3.8% 3. Unsatisfied
7.7% 4. Very Unsatisfied

D. Utilizing technology in the work place

24.0% 1. Very Satisfied
60.0% 2. Satisfied

16.0% 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

E. Working with students with disabilities

26.9% 1. Very Satisfied
46.2% 2. Satisfied

23.1% 3. Unsatisfied
3.8% 4. Very Unsatisfied

F. Planning lessons

7.7% 1. Very Satisfied
50.0% 2. Satisfied

34.6% 3. Unsatisfied
7.7% 4. Very Unsatisfied

G. Varying instructional strategies

7.7% 1. Very Satisfied
57.7% 2. Satisfied

30.8% 3. Unsatisfied
3.8% 4. Very Unsatisfied

H. Assessing student's performance

7.7% 1. Very Satisfied
57.7% 2. Satisfied

30.8% 3. Unsatisfied
3.8% 4. Very Unsatisfied

I. Integrating curriculum

7.7% 1. Very Satisfied
53.8% 2. Satisfied

34.6% 3. Unsatisfied
3.8% 4. Very Unsatisfied

J. Organizing the classroom

7.7% 1. Very Satisfied
57.7% 2. Satisfied

23.1% 3. Unsatisfied
11.5% 4. Very Unsatisfied

K. Self-evaluating you're teaching

7.7% 1. Very Satisfied
61.5% 2. Satisfied

26.9% 3. Unsatisfied
3.8% 4. Very Unsatisfied

L. Knowledge of subject matter

19.2% 1. Very Satisfied
57.7% 2. Satisfied

23.1% 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

M. Applying appropriate learning strategies	<u>8.0%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>24.0%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
	<u>68.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	_____ 4. Very Unsatisfied
N. Utilizing questioning strategies	<u>8.0%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>28.0%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
	<u>56.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>8.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied
O. Motivating students	<u>7.7%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>46.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
	<u>46.2%</u> 2. Satisfied	_____ 4. Very Unsatisfied
P. Creative thinking	<u>7.7%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>34.6%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
	<u>57.7%</u> 2. Satisfied	_____ 4. Very Unsatisfied

17. Please comment on your preparation as it relates to your knowledge and ability to work with diverse cultural backgrounds. (Broadly interpreted)

These remarks were generally positive. A few students indicated that the information was too theoretical and more practical advice would have been useful.

18. What suggestions do you have for improving the College of Education’s professional preparation program?

The comments were nearly unanimous in stating that there was too much theory and not enough practice. Suggestions included more classroom management training, more field experience, and some current K-12 classroom experience for the professors to update them on real-world issues. One respondent requested more methods classes for students coming from non-education backgrounds.

19. Please share a positive experience about your educational preparation within the College of Education at NMSU.

Student teaching was the highlight for 26% of the respondents, 17% appreciated the networking opportunities, 13% cited the self-awareness experienced, and another 30% cited specific classroom/ professor experiences.

20. In what area do you feel you were best prepared?

Multicultural education was cited by 27% of the respondents and another 27% cited their content areas. The remainder referenced such things as reading strategies, working with children with disabilities, and classroom management.

21. How do you feel the general education classes contributed to your education? (General Education classes are generally courses taken in the College of Arts and Sciences).

As these were all graduate students, there were few to whom the question applied. The responses received were evenly split between those who felt the classes made them more well-rounded and those who felt they were somewhat less than useful.

22. How would you describe the course work in the College of Education? (Did the classes adequately prepare you for your profession?)

On this simple yes/no question, 56% said “no.” Those who explained their answers usually cited the same “too much theory, not enough practical” issues mentioned previously. An additional 20%

indicated “fairly” and “somewhat,” again commenting on theory vs. practice. Only half of the remaining 24% were unequivocally positive.

23. Please share any additional comments you have regarding the College of Education and New Mexico State University.

Over 37% of the responses were strongly positive, with faculty members often cited as the highlight. The remainder continued the theory/practice discussion, commented that the CoE should focus on “real world” issues, and even suggested “a total revamp of this whole college.”

BREAKOUT--SECONDARY EDUCATION

1. When did you graduate from New Mexico State University (indicate year & month).
Month _____, 19____.
2. What degree did you earn?
___28___ A. Bachelor of Science in Education
 ___2___ 1) Special Education
 ___28___ 2) Secondary Education
 ___ ___ 3) Elementary Education
 ___ ___ 4) Communications Education
___ ___ B. Bachelor of Science in Physical Education (Non-Teaching)
___ ___ C. Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training Education
___10___ D. Master of Arts

NUMBER

TEACHING FIELDS/NON-TEACHING (indicate more than one if appropriate)

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| ___2___ a. Bilingual Education | ___7___ g. Mathematics |
| ___3___ b. Business Education | ___1___ h. Physical Education |
| ___5___ c. Foreign Languages | ___1___ i. Reading |
| ___6___ d. General Science | ___7___ j. Social Studies |
| ___7___ e. Language Arts | ___ ___ k. Athletic Training |
| ___ ___ f. TESOL | ___ ___ l. Other (Indicate) _____ |
3. Which of the following best describes your present employer?
 ___14___ 1. Public School
 ___ ___ 2. Private School
 ___ ___ 3. Vocational School/Technical
 ___ ___ 4. Junior/Community College
 ___2___ 5. University
 ___ ___ 6. Clinic/Hospital
 ___5___ 7. Private Business
 ___1___ 8. Government
 ___2___ 9. Nonprofit Organization
 ___6___ 10. Other _____
 4. Which of the following categories best describes your current position?
 ___ ___ 1. Instruction Assistant
 ___11___ 2. Substitute Teacher
 ___5___ 3. Teacher (Indicate Subject/Grade Level)
 ___ ___ 4. Speech-Language Pathologist
 ___18___ 5. Graduate Student (indicate university attending) _____
 ___18___ MA
 ___ ___ Ph.D.
 ___ ___ Ed.D.
 ___8___ 6. Not Employed
 ___ ___ 7. Other (Please Specify) _____
 5. How long have you been employed in a professional position?
 ___19___ 1. 1 year or less
 ___3___ 2. 2 years
 ___5___ 3. 3 years or more

6. Which of the following best describes the educational level?

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| <u> </u> 1. Preschool/Early Childhood | <u>19</u> 4. High School |
| <u> 1</u> 2. Elementary | <u> 7</u> 5. N/A |
| <u> 3</u> 3. Middle School | <u> </u> 6. Other (Please Specify) _____ |

7. Indicate the state in which you are currently employed.

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| <u>24</u> 1. New Mexico | <u> 1</u> 4. California |
| <u> 1</u> 2. Texas | <u> 1</u> 5. Colorado |
| <u> </u> 3. Arizona | <u> 1</u> 6. Other (Please Indicate) _____ |

8. Which of the following best describes employment as it relates to your major?

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|---|---|
| <u>13</u> 1. Employed in Major Field | <u> 8</u> 4. Employed in Unrelated Field |
| <u> 3</u> 2. Employed in Related Field | <u> 3</u> 5. Involuntarily Unemployed |
| <u> 2</u> 3. Voluntarily Unemployed | |

9. Indicate your satisfaction with your present position.

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| <u> 6</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 2</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>14</u> 2. Satisfied | <u> 4</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

10. Indicate the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your overall educational experience in the College of Education in NMSU.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u> 7</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 6</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>26</u> 2. Satisfied | <u> </u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

11. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your field experiences prior to student teaching?

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u> 4</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u>14</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>19</u> 2. Satisfied | <u> 2</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

12. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your student teaching or internship assignment?

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>24</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 1</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |
| <u>11</u> 2. Satisfied | <u> </u> 5. N/A |
| <u> 1</u> 3. Unsatisfied | |

13. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your course work in the College of Education?

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u> 5</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u>11</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>23</u> 2. Satisfied | <u> </u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

14. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel toward the General Education components of your program? (Non-College of Education courses)

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| <u> 5</u> 1. Very Satisfied | <u> 5</u> 3. Unsatisfied |
| <u>25</u> 2. Satisfied | <u> 1</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied |

15. Which of the following describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding the advisement you received while attending NMSU?

 3 1. Very Satisfied
21 2. Satisfied

10 3. Unsatisfied
 4 4. Very Unsatisfied

16. To what degree did the College of Education prepare you in the following areas:

A. Classroom management and discipline

 8 1. Very Satisfied
17 2. Satisfied

 6 3. Unsatisfied
 6 4. Very Unsatisfied

B. Working with parents

 3 1. Very Satisfied
18 2. Satisfied

15 3. Unsatisfied
 4 4. Very Unsatisfied

C. Working with a diverse student population

 8 1. Very Satisfied
26 2. Satisfied

 5 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

D. Utilizing technology in the work place

 4 1. Very Satisfied
21 2. Satisfied

12 3. Unsatisfied
 2 4. Very Unsatisfied

E. Working with students with disabilities

 3 1. Very Satisfied
22 2. Satisfied

12 3. Unsatisfied
 2 4. Very Unsatisfied

F. Planning lessons

 8 1. Very Satisfied
20 2. Satisfied

 8 3. Unsatisfied
 3 4. Very Unsatisfied

G. Varying instructional strategies

 4 1. Very Satisfied
22 2. Satisfied

10 3. Unsatisfied
 3 4. Very Unsatisfied

H. Assessing student's performance

 3 1. Very Satisfied
25 2. Satisfied

12 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

I. Integrating curriculum

 4 1. Very Satisfied
21 2. Satisfied

13 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

J. Organizing the classroom

 7 1. Very Satisfied
26 2. Satisfied

 5 3. Unsatisfied
 1 4. Very Unsatisfied

K. Self-evaluating you're teaching

 7 1. Very Satisfied
22 2. Satisfied

11 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

L. Knowledge of subject matter

18 1. Very Satisfied
11 2. Satisfied

11 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

M. Applying appropriate learning strategies

5 1. Very Satisfied
24 2. Satisfied

9 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

N. Utilizing questioning strategies

5 1. Very Satisfied
19 2. Satisfied

12 3. Unsatisfied
 3 4. Very Unsatisfied

O. Motivating students

5 1. Very Satisfied
22 2. Satisfied

12 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

P. Creative thinking

5 1. Very Satisfied
26 2. Satisfied

8 3. Unsatisfied
 4. Very Unsatisfied

PERCENT

TEACHING FIELDS/NON-TEACHING (indicate more than one if appropriate)

5.1% a. Bilingual Education
7.7% b. Business Education
12.8% c. Foreign Languages
15.4% d. General Science
17.9% e. Language Arts
0.0% f. TESOL

17.9% g. Mathematics
2.6% h. Physical Education
2.6% i. Reading
17.9% j. Social Studies
0.0% k. Athletic Training
0.0% l. Other (Indicate) _____

3. Which of the following best describes your present employer?

46.7% 1. Public School
0.0% 2. Private School
0.0% 3. Vocational School/Technical
0.0% 4. Junior/Community College
6.7% 5. University
0.0% 6. Clinic/Hospital

16.7% 7. Private Business
3.3% 8. Government
6.7% 9. Nonprofit Organization
20.0% 10. Other _____

4. Which of the following categories best describes your current position?

0.0% 1. Instruction Assistant
26.2% 2. Substitute Teacher
11.9% 3. Teacher (Indicate Subject/Grade Level)
0.0% 4. Speech-Language Pathologist
42.9% 5. Graduate Student (indicate university attending) _____
100% MA
0.0% Ph.D.
0.0% Ed.D.
19.0% 6. Not Employed
0.0% 7. Other (Please Specify) _____

5. How long have you been employed in a professional position?

70.4% 1. 1 year or less
11.1% 2. 2 years
18.5% 3. 3 years or more

6. Which of the following best describes the educational level?

<u>0.0%</u> 1. Preschool/Early Childhood	<u>63.3%</u> 4. High School
<u>3.3%</u> 2. Elementary	<u>23.3%</u> 5. N/A
<u>10.0%</u> 3. Middle School	<u>0.0%</u> 6. Other (Please Specify) _____

7. Indicate the state in which you are currently employed.

<u>85.7%</u> 1. New Mexico	<u>3.6%</u> 4. California
<u>3.6%</u> 2. Texas	<u>3.6%</u> 5. Colorado
<u>0.0%</u> 3. Arizona	<u>3.6%</u> 6. Other (Please Indicate) _____

8. Which of the following best describes employment as it relates to your major?

<u>44.8%</u> 1. Employed in Major Field	<u>27.6%</u> 4. Employed in Unrelated Field
<u>10.3%</u> 2. Employed in Related Field	<u>10.3%</u> 5. Involuntarily Unemployed
<u>6.9%</u> 3. Voluntarily Unemployed	

9. Indicate your satisfaction with your present position.

<u>23.1%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>7.7%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>53.8%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>15.4%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

10. Indicate the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your overall educational experience in the College of Education in NMSU.

<u>17.9%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>15.4%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>66.7%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

11. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your field experiences prior to student teaching?

<u>10.3%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>35.9%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>48.7%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>5.1%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

12. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your student teaching or internship assignment?

<u>64.9%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>2.7%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied
<u>29.7%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>0.0%</u> 5. N/A
<u>2.7%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	

13. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding your course work in the College of Education?

<u>12.8%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>28.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>59.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

14. Which of the following best describes the degree of satisfaction you feel toward the General Education components of your program? (Non-College of Education courses)

<u>13.9%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>13.9%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>69.4%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>2.8%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

15. Which of the following describes the degree of satisfaction you feel regarding the advisement you received while attending NMSU?

<u>7.9%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>26.3%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>55.3%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>10.5%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

16. To what degree did the College of Education prepare you in the following areas:

A. Classroom management and discipline

<u>21.6%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>16.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>45.9%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>16.2%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

B. Working with parents

<u>7.5%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>37.5%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>45.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>10.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

C. Working with a diverse student population

<u>20.5%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>12.8%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>66.7%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

D. Utilizing technology in the work place

<u>10.3%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>30.8%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>53.8%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>5.1%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

E. Working with students with disabilities

<u>7.7%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>30.8%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>56.4%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>5.1%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

F. Planning lessons

<u>20.5%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>20.5%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>51.3%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>7.7%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

G. Varying instructional strategies

<u>10.3%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>25.6%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>56.4%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>7.7%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

H. Assessing student's performance

<u>7.5%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>30.0%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>62.5%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

I. Integrating curriculum

<u>10.5%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>34.2%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>55.3%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

J. Organizing the classroom

<u>17.9%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>12.8%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>66.7%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>2.6%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

K. Self-evaluating you're teaching

<u>17.5%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>27.5%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>55.0%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

L. Knowledge of subject matter

<u>45.0%</u> 1. Very Satisfied	<u>27.5%</u> 3. Unsatisfied
<u>27.5%</u> 2. Satisfied	<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied

M. Applying appropriate learning strategies			
<u>13.2%</u> 1. Very Satisfied		<u>23.7%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	
<u>63.2%</u> 2. Satisfied		<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied	
N. Utilizing questioning strategies			
<u>12.8%</u> 1. Very Satisfied		<u>30.8%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	
<u>48.7%</u> 2. Satisfied		<u>7.7%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied	
O. Motivating students			
<u>12.8%</u> 1. Very Satisfied		<u>30.8%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	
<u>56.4%</u> 2. Satisfied		<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied	
P. Creative thinking			
<u>12.8%</u> 1. Very Satisfied		<u>20.5%</u> 3. Unsatisfied	
<u>66.7%</u> 2. Satisfied		<u>0.0%</u> 4. Very Unsatisfied	

17. Please comment on your preparation as it relates to your knowledge and ability to work with diverse cultural backgrounds. (Broadly interpreted)

The majority of students reported a fair to excellent assessment of the CoE preparation. Over 20% indicated they already knew as much or more about the subject before the program. A few (10%) indicated the preparation was “too much” or not useful, while others commented on the limited emphasis (English/Spanish only) and need for more SPED considerations. Others commented that the preparation was fine in theory, but doesn’t work in the real world.

18. What suggestions do you have for improving the College of Education’s professional preparation program?

Over 40% of the respondents indicated that more, and earlier, field experience opportunities would be helpful, especially if they were managed better and included more “hands-on” work. Over 30% felt that there was too much theory and not enough practice; several suggested that the professors need to spend some time in the classrooms about which they are teaching. The remaining responses covered a wide range of subjects, from advisement to rigor of program.

19. Please share a positive experience about your educational preparation within the College of Education at NMSU.

Nearly 35% of the respondents considered their EDUC 475 experience to be the highlight. Almost 25% considered the “networking” opportunity to be their highlight. Over 17% referred to their student teaching experience while the remainder mentioned their methods class and observations.

20. In what area do you feel you were best prepared?

Approximately 29% of the respondents indicated that “classroom management skills” was their area of best preparation. Primary subject area garnered 26% of the responses, multicultural education received 20%, and the remaining responses included methods, lesson planning, computer technology, and other areas.

21. How do you feel the general education classes contributed to your education? (General Education classes are generally courses taken in the College of Arts and Sciences).

Over 65% of the responses were positive in nature, while approximately 22% were negative. The remainder indicated that more general education classes would have been beneficial.

22. How would you describe the course work in the College of Education? (Did the classes adequately prepare you for your profession?)

Most students concentrated on the second half of the question. Only 35% felt adequately prepared, and the remaining 65% said "no."

23. Please share any additional comments you have regarding the College of Education and New Mexico State University.

There were a variety of responses, but the more positive ones reiterated the comments about less theory and more practical material including more methods classes. They also repeated the suggestion that the professors spend time in the local classrooms so they would be more in tune with what is actually happening.