

Graduation

General Graduation Requirements

Candidates for any associate degree offered by NMJC must meet the following minimum degree requirements:

- A minimum of 60 acceptable semester hours must be earned.
- A minimum of 15 semester hours must be earned at NMJC. The remainder may be acceptable transfer credits.
- The students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.
- Transitional and / or developmental courses do not fulfil any of the above requirements.
- Students will not be permitted to graduate if they have unresolved incomplete (I) grades on their academic record.

Graduation Under a Particular Catalog

All degree requirements must be met according to a single NMJC catalog. Normally this will be the catalog in effect when the student first enrolls in the college and remains continuously enrolled until he/she meets the degree requirements. If a student does not attend for two semesters, he/she will have to begin under the current catalog in effect. The catalog is published each summer, and its provisions apply during the following academic year, beginning with the fall semester and extending through the next summer semester. A student who registers for the first time during a summer session is subject to the degree requirements set forth in the catalog effect for the fall semester immediately following the initial enrollment.

Graduation/Degree Posting

All students planning to receive a certificate or degree should complete the Intent to Graduate form, which is available in the Registrar's Office and online. Degrees and certificates are posted to transcripts only after the student has completed all requirements needed for such a degree or certificate. Transcript postings are made at the end of the spring, summer, and fall semesters.

Graduation with Honors

Graduation Honors will be calculated by NMJC using the following criteria:

- The GPA will be determined by using only NMJC courses;
- Students must have completed 30 credit hours of non-developmental courses at NMJC;
- The NMJC cumulative GPA must total 3.5 or higher;
- For the printed commencement program, the calculation will be made only on those courses that have been completed through the end of the fall semester prior to spring graduation; and
- For posting to the transcript, the cumulative grade point average to determine honors will be calculated at the end of the semester in which student completes degree requirements.

Graduation Commencement Ceremony

Each spring, New Mexico Junior College holds a Commencement Program to recognize those students who have completed degree and certificate programs during the course of the year. The deadline for filing to participate in the graduation commencement ceremony is posted online at www.nmjc.edu and is available in the Academic Calendar. The Graduation Application must be completed and submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline.

Students are allowed to participate in the ceremony if they are lacking 1-12 credit hours and intend to complete these credits before the next spring semester. Permission to participate when lacking credits to graduate must be obtained from the Vice President for Student Services. Participation in the ceremony does not necessarily indicate that the student has completed all of the coursework for a degree. If a student does not complete the degree requirements in the allotted time, a new Graduation Application must be completed. If an excessive amount of time lapses before the student completes the degree requirements, the degree plan may no longer be valid.