University of New Mexico  
College of Education  
Department of Health, Exercise, and Sports Sciences  
Physical Education Teacher Education Program

**Characteristics of a Cooperating Teacher**

A Cooperating Teacher is an experienced exemplary classroom teacher who mentors, coaches and supervises a UNM College of Education Student Teacher.

**The following are criteria for selection:**

- State licensed, Level II and III teacher with five plus years of teaching experience;
- A strong commitment to providing stewardship to the profession;
- An exemplary record of classroom performance;
- A willingness to supervise and coach professional growth of student teacher (observe, document, give feedback, evaluate, role model, mentor);
- A willingness to allow student teacher to complete UNM assignments in classroom, an important component of methods coursework;
- A willingness to allow student teacher to gradually assume control of classroom a minimum of 25 consecutive days during the eight week practicum.
- A willingness to participate in triad meetings with the university supervisor and student teacher.

**Payment Schedule per student:** Semester = $100