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New Mexico Certified Advocate for Public Ethics

9 Classes to CAPE Certification

Choose from:
- Ethics: Know the Law
- Do the Right Thing
- Walk the Talk
- Dangerous Liaisons
- Risky Business: Preventing and Mitigating Damage
- Value Based Decision Making
- Ethical Leadership
- The NM Governmental Conduct Act
- Right vs. Right
- Promoting Civility
- Answering the Call to Public Service
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Creating an Ethical Culture
- Ethics and Managing Public Funds
- Public Meetings
- Leadership and Public Trust
- The Role of Research in Public Service

Individual classes may be taken at any time.

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The CAPE Program

The New Mexico Certified Advocate in Public Ethics (CAPE) program is offered through the NM EDGE (Education Designed to Generate Excellence in the Public Sector), a program of the NM Cooperative Extension Service.

The CAPE certification is comprised of ethics classes resulting from a collaboration of strategic partners with a shared vision for advancing ethics awareness and promoting ethical behavior in New Mexico’s public sector.

Partners in this endeavor include CES, Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative, NM State Auditor, NM Attorney General, NM Association of Counties, NM Municipal League, NM Legislative Council Service and many other valuable contributors.

Benefits of the CAPE Program

The CAPE program is designed to provide New Mexico public officials with a comprehensive course of study in public service ethics including how ethics relate to:

- New Mexico law
- Decision-making
- Public-private partnerships
- Stewardship
- Conflict of interest
- Appearances v. reality
- and much more.

Through this program, participants acquire knowledge in ethics theory and learn how to apply best practices to their own behavior using the highest professional standards and effective decision making strategies.

Gain insight and practice skill building in:

- **Professionalism**
  Learn critical skills to help balance personal values, politics, and constituent demands when making difficult decisions.

- **Accountability**
  Learn strategies to assure transparency in your office and engage the public to foster greater trust and collaboration.

- **Leadership**
  Learn to create an ethical organization by developing standards that inspire, model, assess, and enforce ethical behavior.

- **Best Practices**
  Learn value-based, decision-making processes to aid in identifying, analyzing, and resolving ethical dilemmas.

Earn your CAPE and be an Ethics Hero!