The NM EDGE

Bringing you
The New Mexico Certified Public Manager® Program (NM CPM)
The Certified Advocate in Public Ethics Program (CAPE)
&
The Original County College

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Better Government Through Education
The NM EDGE

Education Designed to Generate Excellence in the Public Sector

NM CPM

The NM Certified Public Manager® Program (NM CPM) is the feature program of the NM EDGE. The NM CPM is divided into three distinct and progressive levels.

The first level is the NM Certified Public Official (NM CPO).
The second level is the NM Certified Public Supervisor (NM CPS).
The top level is the NM Certified Public Manager® (NM CPM).

Each of these certifications offer classes from the core NM CPM curriculum which covers information in seven educational tracks. Each of these certifications builds on the previous level towards completion of the NM CPM.

National Recognition

The Certified Public Manager® Program (CPM) is a nationally recognized professional development program for public sector employees, supervisors, managers and elected officials.

The National CPM Consortium establishes accreditation standards and monitors member programs. Only accredited programs are authorized to award the CPM designation. The NM EDGE offers the only CPM program in New Mexico having earned accreditation in October of 2011.

The Original County College

NM EDGE’s County College offers certification programs specific to NM County Offices such as:

- NM Assessment Officers (NMPACO)
- NM County Clerks (NMCCCL)
- NM County Commissioners (NMCCC)
- NM County Treasurers (NMTCTO)
- NM Geographic Information Systems (NMGISS)
- NM County Health Professionals (NMCHCP)
- NM Jail Administrators & Staff (NMCIS, NMCIP)
- NM Risk Managers (NMRM)

Additional programs under development.

Core Curriculum

Each class is three hours and provides measurable learning results through pre- and post testing and in-class practice engaging the material. Educational topics are divided into seven areas of study called tracks.

- Track I: Knowing Your Government
- Track II: Management & Leadership
- Track III: Human Resources
- Track IV: Budgeting
- Track V: Communication
- Track VI: Information Technology
- Track VII: Conducting Research

Return on Your Investment

The NM CPM program offers many benefits to participants, their organization, department, and their public constituents.

These include:

- Better government through education
- Increased efficiency and effectiveness in intergovernmental networks and communication
- Increased personal effectiveness and innovative problem solving
- Heightened quality in public service.
- Eligibility for membership in the American Academy of Certified Public Managers
- Enhanced personal leadership strengths

The NM CPM curriculum is a natural fit for all public managers wanting to pursue continuing education that includes national recognition.

What Your Peers Have to Say

“Through the NM EDGE CPM program, I have come to understand government better and I have learned to make better decisions, and to generally be more effective. By developing stronger leadership skills through these classes I have been able to improve personally as well as professionally.”

Judy Pressett, CPM, Eddy County Deed Analyst

“Through this program I have been able to improve my work performance and enhance my professional skills. I am now better able to apply the best practices of management to my supervisory role as warden of the Lea County Detention Center in a number of different capacities I never assumed possible.”

Jann Gartman, CPM, Lea County Detention Center Warden

“The knowledge obtained by attending the NM EDGE CPM classes has empowered me to hire the best employees, prepare a sound budget and run the Colfax County Clerk’s Office in a professional manner to better serve the constituents of Colfax County.”

Rayetta Trujillo, CPM, Colfax County Clerk

“I feel I am using the knowledge I learned from the NM EDGE CPM program in every aspect of my job on a daily basis. When we apply to our work the information gained from the seven educational tracks we create a more ethical and productive work environment”

Kiki Arellano, CPM, San Miguel County Human Resource Manager