



## FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM 2025-2026

### FIELD TECHNICIAN TRACK

- This track is designed to provide entry-level training in basic archaeological skills.
- No previous experience is required.
- Upon completion of course, successful participants will have the practical skills and experience needed to work as a technician on a field crew for an archaeological survey.

### COURSE DESIGN: Three Parts

<b>Online Course</b> <b>2 Weeks, Part-Time</b>	<p>New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies will provide a 2-week course to prepare participants for field work. The course will include approximately 20 hours total of self-paced recorded content and live weekly check-ins. Curriculum will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is archaeology and why do we do it?</li><li>• Review of state and federal laws</li><li>• Tribal collaboration</li><li>• Identifying artifacts and features</li><li>• What is survey? How is it done?</li><li>• Shovel tests</li><li>• The Paperwork</li><li>• Site forms</li><li>• Safety</li><li>• Mapping</li></ul>
<b>Field Training</b> <b>3 Days, Full-Time</b>	<p>New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies will provide 3-day, in-person field training on basic skills at locations across New Mexico.</p>
<b>Field Experience</b> <b>3 Weeks, Full-Time</b>	<p>Program will place participants on 3-week field crews to gain professional experience on real projects across the state. Participants will complete task books demonstrating required skills. NMDA will seek to place participants on local projects that fit their location and schedule.</p>



### TENTATIVE COURSE TIMELINE:

Course will be offered on monthly basis, subject to change based on logistics and enrollment

Course Offerings	Two-Week Online Course	Three-Day Field Training
September	September 19-October 2, 2025	October 3-5, Northern NM
October	October 3-16, 2025	October 17-19, Central NM
November	October 31-November 13, 2025	November 14-16, Central NM
December	November 28- December 11, 2025	December 12-14, Southern NM
January	January 16-29, 2026	January 30-February 1, 2026, Southern NM

### PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- Participants must be a permanent New Mexico resident.
- For the Technician Track, participants are not required to have any previous education or experience related to archaeology.
- Participants must be able to participate on a full-time, three-week archaeology project to complete the Field Experience. They will be compensated for their time and travel.
- Participants must be able to perform strenuous physical activity, including hiking up to 5 miles per day, carrying heavy packs, digging, and lifting up to 20 pounds of weight.
- Participants must be able to work in adverse environmental conditions, including high temperatures, variable weather, difficult off-trail terrain, high elevations, and remote locations outside of cell service.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS

- **No Cost for Enrollment:** The course will be free for all accepted participants.
- **Financial Support:** For the Field Training, participants who travel are eligible to receive support for living costs and travel reimbursement. For the Field Experience, participants will receive compensation for their time spent on the project.

### APPLICATION

To apply, please download and complete the application.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis while funding is still available. For September course, applicants must submit application by September 15, 2025, 5 pm MDT.

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