

New Mexico Archaeology Field Training Course

Application for 2025-2026

Coordinated by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture
and New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies

1. Applicant Information

- Full Name: _____
 - Date of Birth: _____
 - Mailing Address: _____
 - Physical Address of Residence: _____
 - Are you a permanent New Mexico resident?*(Y/N)_____
- *REQUIRED FOR ENROLLMENT**
- Phone Number: _____
 - Email: _____
 - Are you a tribal member? (Y/N) _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____
 - Do you need assistance with internet access to participate in course? (Y/N) _____

2. Educational Background

- Please check highest completed level of education:
 - ☐ High School
 - ☐ Undergraduate Degree (B.A./B.S.): Major _____
 - ☐ Graduate Degree (M.A./M.S.): Major _____
- Are you currently a student? (Y/N) _____
 - If so, please state the school and number of years remaining until degree completion:

3. Training Track

Please indicate which level of archaeology field training you are applying for:

☐ **Field Technician Track**

- Entry-level training in basic archaeological skills
- **No previous experience in archaeology required**

☐ **Supervisor Track**

- Advanced training for those with intermediate knowledge and previous field experience
- Applicants are **required** to have completed a B.A./B.S. degree in a relevant field or be in good academic standing to receive one by end of academic year.
 - ☐ I will attach a university diploma showing that I have completed a B.A./B.S. degree in a relevant field OR an unofficial academic transcript showing that I am in good academic standing to receive one by end of academic year.

4. Course Schedule

Please indicate all course periods you are interested in and available for:

<u>Two-Week Online Course</u>	<u>Three-Day Field Training</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Period 1: September 19-October 2, 2025	October 3-5, Northern NM
<input type="checkbox"/> Period 2: October 3-16, 2025	October 17-19, Central NM
<input type="checkbox"/> Period 3: October 31-November 13, 2025	November 14-16, Central NM
<input type="checkbox"/> Period 4: November 28- December 11, 2025	December 12-14, Southern NM
<input type="checkbox"/> Period 5: January 16-29, 2026	January 30-February 1, 2026, Southern NM

Enter your top three course periods in order of preference: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Notes:

- **The dates & locations of the Field Trainings are subject to change & weather dependent.**
- Courses will be offered based on participant interest and funding constraints.
- For September course, applicants must submit application by September 15, 2025, 5 pm MDT.
- Upon successful completion of Field Training, NMDA & OAS will work with participants to place them on a three-week archaeology project to complete their Field Experience.

5. Personal Statement: What are your goals for attending the archaeological field school? How do you intend to use the knowledge and experience you will gain?

6. Previous Archaeological Experience

- a) Do you have any educational background in anthropology or archaeology? Have you completed any relevant courses or training?

- b) Do you have any on-the-ground experience in archaeological fieldwork or have you previously completed an accredited field school? If so, please describe below:

7. Camping/Outdoors Experience: This field school involves working and living in primitive conditions. What is your experience camping and performing field work in outdoors settings?

8. Health and Safety Statement: This field school will *require* strenuous physical activities in outdoor conditions as part of participation. Please list any relevant physical limitations, medical issues or allergies that supervisors will need to be aware of.

9. Acknowledgements

- ☐ I am available to complete the Online Course and Field Training in the class periods indicated in Section 3 (Class Schedule).
- ☐ After completing the Online Course and the Field Training, I will be able to participate on a three-week archaeology project to complete the Field Experience. This will involve full-time participation during the workweek and will likely involve overnight travel from home.
- ☐ I acknowledge that this archaeological field school will require strenuous physical activity, including hiking up to 5 miles per day, carrying heavy packs, digging, and lifting up to 20 pounds of weight.
- ☐ I acknowledge that this archaeological field school will involve work under adverse environmental conditions, including high temperatures, variable weather, difficult off-trail terrain, high elevations, and remote locations outside of cell service.
- ☐ I will be responsible for providing my own personal gear and appropriate clothing. No specialized equipment will be required.

10. Signature & Date

I certify that all of the information in this application is true and complete.

Applicant Signature

Date

11. Proof of New Mexico Residency

Please attach a scanned copy of your valid and current New Mexico driver's license, ID card, or alternative proof of residency in New Mexico. For alternative proof of residency, applicants can provide the forms of evidence established by the NM Higher Education Department (<https://hed.nm.gov/financial-aid/residency-requirements>).

12. Submission

Please email completed application and proof of New Mexico residency to: pdepner@nmda.nmsu.edu

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis while sufficient resources exist.
- Qualified applicants will be accepted or put on a waitlist, depending on program capacity.
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For more information, please contact:

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