

# ***Luna Community College – Fueled by Resilience, Focused on the Future!***

Luna has endured the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fires,  
the resulting flooding in 2023 and 2024,  
and accreditation challenges.

Through it all, we remained steadfast in our mission to serve the students and  
communities of northeastern New Mexico.

Now, we are ready to transform our resilience, commitment, and strength into **new opportunities for students and the communities we serve**. Your support helps ensure that Luna continues to provide quality **education, workforce development, and essential resources** to our region.

## ***Technology to Support Students***

Whether through direct funding to Luna Community College or through the **Collaborative for Higher Education Shared Services (CHESS)**, your investment supports students across northeastern New Mexico. Upgrading our **Student Information System** is already improving access to services and financial aid. Now in year three of a six-year transition, this initiative is maximizing resources—putting more money into student education and support, and less into administrative costs.

## ***Support for Basic Needs***

Yes, we have overcome immediate crises. The fires are out, water rationing has ended, and Luna is off probation! But for many of our students, employees, and families who lost their homes and livelihoods, the impact remains. **Supporting funding for basic needs—food security, housing assistance, and mental health services—is an investment in student success.**

***Support the future of students and communities in northeastern New Mexico.  
We are prepared to reach new heights.***



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# Serving Colfax, Guadalupe, Mora, and San Miguel Counties

Offering 16 Associate degree and 24 certificate programs in Allied Health, Business, Career & Technical Education, Early Childhood Education and Teacher Preparation, Liberal Arts, Nursing, and STEM. Non-credit courses in Adobe Home Building, CDL, Heavy Equipment, Fire Science, Land Restoration, and Wellness.

Career and College Readiness Institute for Adult Education and Literacy, Montañas del Norte Area Health Education Center, Small Business Development Center, and the Wildfire Resiliency Training Center.

Fully Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, Commission on Dental Accreditation, and the National Center for Construction Education and Research.

## Highlights of Luna's Recent Successes

2025 Best Community Colleges in New Mexico. *Niche.com*

2025 Ranked #11 in 2025 Best Colleges in New Mexico. *CollegeFactual.com*

2024 Preschool Lab School five-star rating for 10 consecutive years under the FOCUS program. This rating highlights the program's excellence in curriculum, staff qualifications, and family engagement. *NM Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD)*

2024 Luna Nursing School ranked #4 in the State of NM. *Nurse Journal*

2024 Welding Instructor Gene Martinez, AWS section educator award. *American Welding Society*

2024 Outstanding Adult Learner of the Year Samuel Gabaldon Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE). *Educate & Elevate Adult Education*

2024 Affordability: The 2024 tuition & fees of Luna Community College are \$1,634 for New Mexico residents and \$3,050 for out-of-state students. Luna's tuition & fees are cheaper than the New Mexico public community colleges' average (\$4,986).

2024 The students to faculty ratio is 12 to 1, which is lower than the average ratio (18 to 1) of New Mexico community colleges. *College Tuition Compare*

### 2023-2024 Luna Rough Rider Athletics – Baseball and Softball



- Average GPA of 3.19 (up from 2.93), 74% transfer/graduation rate, 38 student athletes achieved a GPA of over 3.0, of which 11 achieved a GPA over 3.5 and 3 student athletes achieved a 4.0
- 30 Student athletes completed degrees or transferred to a university
- 15 Student athletes who completed degrees or transferred, transferred to a New Mexico university
- Retention rate from fall to fall is at 89.6%
- Successful NJCAA audit with no exceptions
- Softball had its first All-American and is the NJCAA record holder for Home Runs in a season

2023 Luna's Nichole Collins recognized for her computer science teaching. *CompTIA+TestOut Teacher Appreciation*

2022 Ranked No. 3 for its online associate degree in business administration, noted for its high-quality score of 96.25 and affordability. *Intelligent.com*

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