

February 7, 2025

4th week of the spring semester

Here is what's happening...



Important Dates:

- February 20, 2025 Next free CPR/First Aid class for Luna Faculty and Staff. Please contact Karen Wezwick to enroll.
- March 10, 2025 Deadline to apply for graduation, spring graduates only.

2025 LEGISLATIVE SOCIAL CALENDAR

Anyone interested in attending any of these important events is encouraged to do so. Please contact Leslie Garcia at exeadmin@luna.edu or X1015 if you are interested in helping and/or attending.

- Monday, February 10, NM Adult Education Camp; Literacy Day at the Legislature State Capitol/Rotunda, 10:00am 12 Noon
- Friday, February 21, City of Las Vegas Day at the Legislature
- Tuesday, February 25, NM Higher Education Dept. Higher Education Day at the Roundhouse, all day

- Please see full calendar at https://www.nmlegis.gov/Publications/Social Calendar
- We are looking for volunteers to help us at the Legislature, especially for City of Las Vegas Day!

Legislature Visit

Valerie Montoya and Denise Fox attended the 10th Annual Public Health Day at the Capital on Wednesday the 5th of February. Great job, ladies!







Share Your Luna Story!

We want to hear how Luna Community College has impacted your life! Whether you're a student, alumni, faculty, or staff member, your testimonial (50 words or less) can help highlight Luna's vital role in our community.



Email your story to exeadmin@luna.edu by Monday, February 17—your voice

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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.

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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

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- 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
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Rough Rider Mentorship



Students! Are you interested in the Health Sciences? Wondering where your education can take you? Explore a paid training opportunity in a fast-growing, well-paying industry.



"CT-REx really opened a gateway for me into the world of research. I learned so much about how I can put my degree to work without having to go through lengthy post grad schools."

-2024 trainee

EXPLORE CAREER PROSPECTS IN HEALTH SCIENCES RESEARCH THIS SUMMER

The CT-REx (Clinical & Translational Research Experience) Career Preparation Program invites freshman and sophomores in New Mexico and Arizona to learn about and to experience Health Sciences Research at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. The CT-REx Program aims to recruit rural, tribal, and Hispanic college students who are underrepresented in the research workforce.

CT-REX PROGRAM DETAILS: June 2 - July 25, 2025

Over 8 weeks, Trainees will:

- · Explore multiple careers in research
- Work alongside skilled research professionals
- Learn the foundational skills of research

You will get training in:

- Lab techniques
- Participant interaction
- · Data collection, entry, and reporting
- · And so much more!

Benefits of a Career in Health Sciences Research:

- Job security
- Competitive wages
- Fast career pathway to job opportunities

Did You Know?

You don't have be a doctor or nurse to have a successful career in research. You can begin your career as a Research Coordinator, Lab Tech, or Data Management specialist with a high school diploma or Associate degree.

Admission: Applications for the 2025 program must be received by Feb 28, 2025

Trainees will Receive:

- \$5,000 stipend
- Campus-based housing
- · Team-building
- Professional networking
- · Some meals

Trainees must:

- Be a US citizen or green card holder
- Be willing and able to live on campus for the entire 8 week program
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate program in NM or AZ

APPLY HERE:



Contact CT-REx for more information: ctrex@salud.unm.edu

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Nursing - Time for TEAS

NOW ONLINE!

take on the on TEAS!

FREE workshops to help prepare you for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) are now being offered at Luna Community College. Contact Vanessa Torres, vatorres@luna.edu or 505-454-2525, to sign up or to get more information.

Workshop schedule

Free TEAS prep Workshops

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WORKSHOP TOPIC
Intro & pre-test
Reading & English
Anatomy & Physiology
March 26/5:30 pm
Math
March 31/5:30 pm
Science
April 2/5:30 pm
April 3/5:30 pm
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Take all six free workshops, and receive a free TEAS Exam!*

* All workshop, quizzes and pre/post-tests must be completed in order to be eligible. Limit one free TEAS fee waiver per participant. Contact LCC Nursing Department for details.



April 2025

Tuesday 1 @ 1:30 pm Thursday 3 @ 9:00 am Friday 11 @ 1:30 pm Thursday 24 @ 9:00 am Tuesday 29 @ 1:30 pm

SPRING 2025 TEAS Exam Schedule

May 2025

Thursday 1 @ 1:30 pm Thursday 15 @ 9:00 am Friday 16 @ 1:30 pm Monday 19 @ 1:30 pm Tuesday 20 @ 1:30 pm Thursday 22 @ 1:30 pm Friday 23 @ 9:00 am Tuesday 27 @ 9:00 am Thursday 29 @ 9:00 am Friday 30 @ 1:30 pm

Students can contact Sandra Sanchez via email at sasanchez@luna.edu or call 505-454-2526 (ext. 1816) to sign up for a test date. Please provide student ID number, phone number, and exam date in the email.

Students should create an account with ATI prior to the exam date (if you do not already have an account set up). To create an account, go to www.atitesting.com click on Create Account next to Log In. (Use Luna CC ADN for institution and estimated graduation date of 5/10/2027.) Please use your Luna email to set up ATI account.

On the day of your exam, please arrive 10 minutes early* to log in and purchase the exam. The cost of the exam is \$70. You will need to bring a debit/credit card to purchase the exam and a photo ID for identification verification. No food or drinks are permitted in the testing site. A calculator is available in ATI and the proctor will provide paper and pencils for use during the exam. All materials will be collected by the proctor before you leave the exam site.

*There will be no late admission into the testing area.

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TEAS

Nursing school entrance exam

April 2025 dates

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Student Nursing Association Fund Raiser

- SNA (Student Nursing Association) is having for a popcorn sale. The popcorn is selling for \$10.00 a bag and can be ordered through any SNA student or Ms.



Valerie Montoya within the nursing department, here on campus till February 17th.

Wildfire Resiliency Training Center (WRTC):

The WRTC will be offering First Aid/CPR classes monthly. All LCC personnel will be able to take the classes free of charge. Our goal is to have all Luna folks certified. Please take advantage of this offer, it will be good for all of us! Here are the dates for the next two offerings:

February 20 March 20

Please contact Hank Blackwell or Allen Sanchez to register.

The WRTC class schedule for the Spring semester can be found on the LCC webpage. These wildfire classes have already resulted in employment for several of our students from last semester. Interested individuals may contact either Hank Blackwell or Karen Wezwick at the WRTC.

If you have any questions, contact Hank at the WRTC.

Graduation Info from the Registrar

Good Morning LCC Students,

Are you ready to graduate in Fall or Spring? If so then this message is for you! It is time to begin gearing up for the biggest celebration of your academic career. Students who plan to finish degree or certificate requirements need to apply to graduate. How do you do this? Follow these steps and submit the attached to the Office of the Registrar by the deadline indicated below:

- All FALL graduates are eligible to walk in the SP25 commencement ceremony.
- Deadline to order your regalia (cap and gown) Friday, March 28, 2025 with the LCC Bookstore see attached flier for details
- Deadline to apply to graduate SPRING GRADUATES ONLY Monday, March 10, 2025 by 5pm MST- submit Application for Degree and pay the one-time graduation fee of \$15.00 per degree or certificate. (attached)

ALL STUDENTS PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO INDICATE ON YOUR APPLICATION FOR DEGREE YES OR NO, IF YOU WILL BE WALKING FOR THE SPRING 2025 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.

Students will receive their Final Degree Check clearing them for their degree via your LCC Student Email to include your eligibility for graduation honors. All students who are eligible for honors will be able to purchase the honor cord with your regalia order at the Bookstore who will have a list of students who qualify.

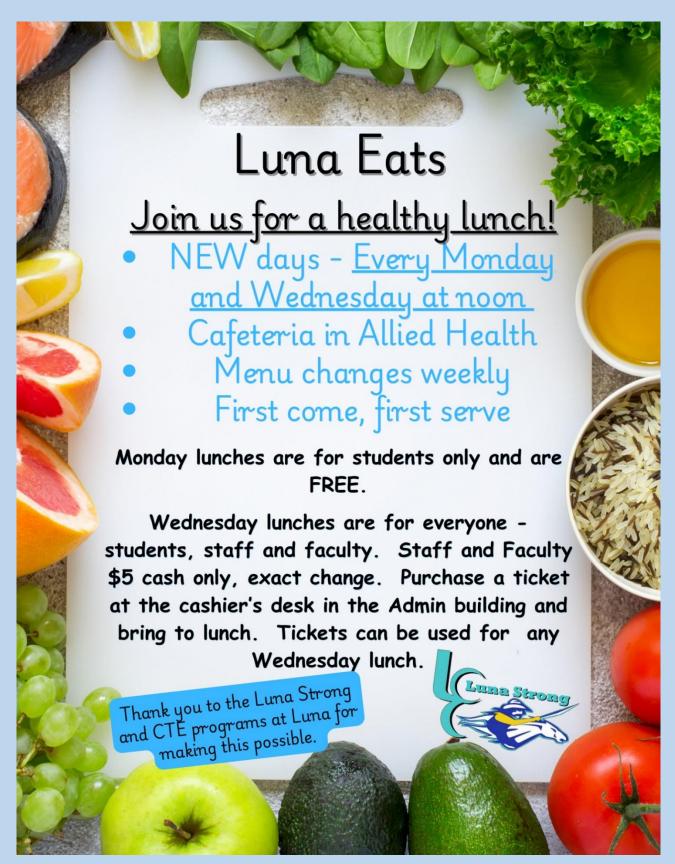
Students need to meet with their academic advisors to have their Application for Degree signed before submission to the Office of the Registrar. Also, students are required to pay the one-time non-refundable \$15 graduation fee (per award) at the time they submit their Graduation Clearance form. Failure to submit your Graduation Application and pay your fee will result in a delay of you receiving your diploma.

If you have already submitted your documents to our office please be on the lookout for your clearance via your LCC student email. If students feel that they need to be seen for a Final Degree by the Registrar's Office, please contact us to schedule your appointment.

Congratulations!

Kindly,
Alicia B Chacon, Registrar
Office of Registrar
505-454-2546
505-454-2548
achacon@luna.edu
registrar@luna.edu

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Luna Strong

Timely Care

- Did you know that Luna Community College students, staff and faculty get free, virtual care through the TimelyCare app? That's right! You can access free virtual health and well-being support, as well as self-care content, anytime. Signing up is easy. All you have to do is:
- Download the TimelyCare app or visit timelycare.com/Luna on your webenabled device.
- Sign in with your school .edu email address.
- Create a profile.
- And that's it! You can start a visit or go to the Self-Care tab on the TimelyCare app for on demand self-care content, including yoga and meditation sessions or scan the QR code.



Have questions? Visit timelycare.com/Luna to get started, or call 1-833-4-TIMELY.

Take Care of You!

Classifieds

For those with something to buy, sell, or give away.

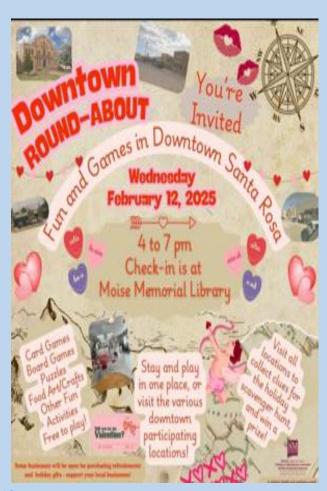
- Need manure or straw for compost? I have used straw mixed with horse, chicken, and duck manure, free to anyone who wants to pick some up. Please text me, as we don't have a very good cell signal at our place. Sarah Obermeyer (from CCRI) 219.484.6792.

Las Vegas Community Events

- To learn more about the many community events happening in Las Vegas currently and in the future, visit https://www.plug.events/space/-/las-vegas-new-mexico-united-states/events and sign up for notifications.

Santa Rosa Events





Reminders

- All committees, departments, and individuals with information to share are encouraged to send their knowledge to sgoodyear@luna.edu each week by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) for inclusion in the week's update. If you miss a deadline, don't worry, your information will be included in the following week's update provided it is still timely. When possible, your information should be in tidy bullet points that can easily be added to the basic update format. It is also helpful if you respond to the request for information for the week of the update in the reminder email that was sent out, as it makes it easier for me to find and include what you send in the update. Please submit any pictures in the form of jpegs.
- Things to consider contributing: News about your departments; community event flyers, news regarding personal triumphs and achievements; classified ads, cool, beautiful, or unusual photos you took and want to share among other things.
- Thanks to all who shared information for this week's edition of "What's Happening at Luna."
- If you missed an edition of "What's Happening at Luna," find it here: https://luna.edu/whats_happening.

Have a Wonderful Weekend, Everyone!