



*New Mexico State University
Search for the Inaugural Dean
College of Health, Education, and Social Transformation
Las Cruces, New Mexico*

New Mexico State University (NMSU), a Minority-Serving, Hispanic-Serving, land grant, and space grant institution, seeks an experienced, creative, and strategic leader to serve as the inaugural Dean of the College of Health, Education, and Social Transformation (HEST). The Dean will join NMSU and HEST at a pivotal moment, leading a new college after the recent merging of two colleges and the Department of Sociology. NMSU also had the recent adoption of a new strategic plan for the university (LEADS 2025), with aspirations to become a Carnegie R1 institution while continuing to support the land grant mission of the university and the social mobility of its students. It is a vital time to respond to the health and educational needs of New Mexico, and this Dean will be at the forefront in helping to find socially transformative solutions through close collaboration with the HEST and NMSU communities and by building and sustaining partnerships in the Las Cruces community, New Mexico, the Borderlands region, and beyond.

NMSU is one of the most diverse land-grant universities in the nation. There are 23 tribes that have ancestral homeland ties to New Mexico including 19 Pueblos, the Navajo Nation, and the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Mescalero Apache Tribe, and the Fort Still Apache Tribe. In addition to its main campus in Las Cruces, the institution includes community colleges across the state, cooperative extension offices, 12 agriculture research and science centers, and an expanding distance education program.

HEST currently serves over 2,500 undergraduate students, over 1,000 graduate students, and houses 125 faculty members. It is home to five academic departments and three schools: Counseling & Educational Psychology, Communication Disorders, Kinesiology, Public Health Sciences, School of Nursing, School of Social Work, School of Teacher Preparation, Administration, and Leadership, and Sociology. HEST faculty and staff take pride in NMSU's [Community Engagement Classification](#) and in its multiple nationally accredited programs.

By joining this highly interdisciplinary college, the Dean can make a significant impact on education, health, and socioeconomic outcomes in the Borderlands while also contributing significantly to teaching, service, and research efforts through thoughtful and strategic leadership and relationship building.

The Dean will also be expected to address a set of key opportunities and challenges listed in the position profile. For more details, including the full position profile, please see the Isaacson, Miller website for the search: <https://www.imsearch.com/8074>. Electronic submission of materials is required.

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