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Innovating Educator Preparation

The UNLV College of
Education & NVForward

Commission on Professional Standards in Education
February 2026

Our Identity



HSI: Hispanic Serving Institution



AANAPISI: Asian American and Native American
Pacific Islander Serving Institution

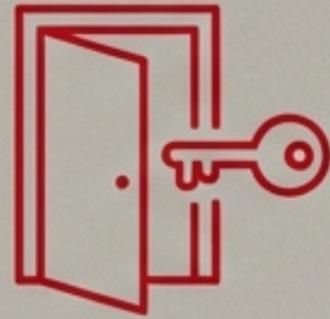
A reflection of the students we serve.

Vision and Commitments



Equity

Addressing the equity gap in Nevada's schools.



Access

Removing barriers (financial, logistical, geographical).



Social Justice

Ensuring diverse students have teachers who look like them.

Mission: To deliver high-quality services and educational programs that promote social justice and well-being.

Comprehensive Initial Preparation Programs

Program Areas

- Early Childhood
- Elementary
- Secondary
- Special Education
- School Counseling & Psychology



The Philosophical Shift: Competency-Based Education

The Old Way



Time is Constant,
Learning is Variable.

Carnegie Unit System.

The CBE Way

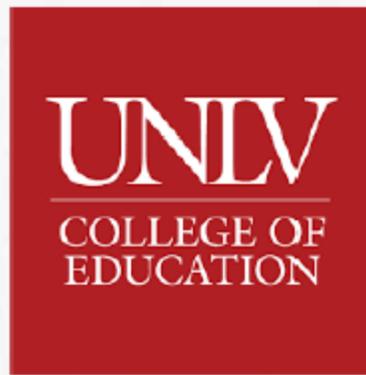


Learning is Constant,
Time is Variable.

Mastery-Based Advancement.

A system where students advance upon demonstrating mastery of a concept or skill, regardless of time, place, or pace.

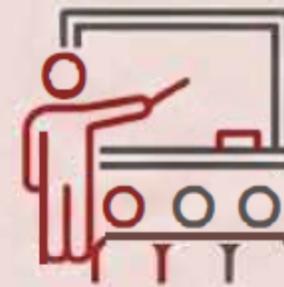
CBE in Practice: Rigor and Standards



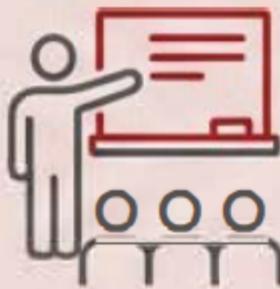
4 Domains of Mastery



Planning & Preparation
(300 Hours)



Learning Environment
(200 Hours)



Instruction
(1820 Hours)



Professional Engagement
(200 Hours)



2,520 Hours Minimum
On-the-Job Learning (OJL)



160 Hours Minimum
Related Technical Instruction (RTI)

State of Nevada Regulatory Compliance.



NV|FORWARD™

NV Forward

The Nation's Largest Registered
Teacher Apprenticeship

Nationally recognized scalable workforce educator preparation, situated in competency and demonstration

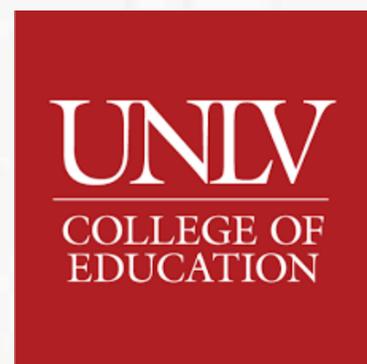
Removing the Financial Barrier

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Zero Out-of- Pocket Cost

Earn While You Learn

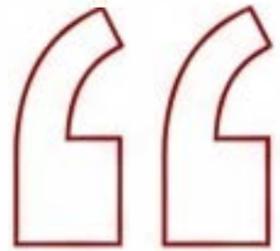
*" Nevada, from the Governor to the Legislature to NDE to UNLV have all worked to ensure I become a teacher without cost. That moves Nevada forward!"
UNLV Apprentice*



The Student Reality



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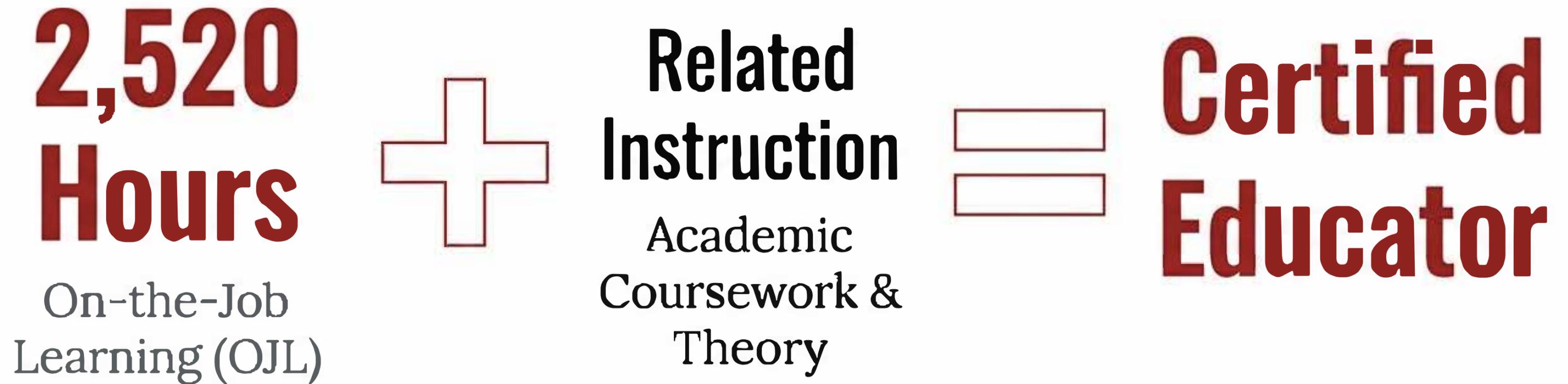


The fact that I get a solid education situated in my day-to-day work, building off of what I know, while allowing me to keep earning and caring for my own family is a game-changer. I feel valued and seen, and know that my contribution makes a difference.



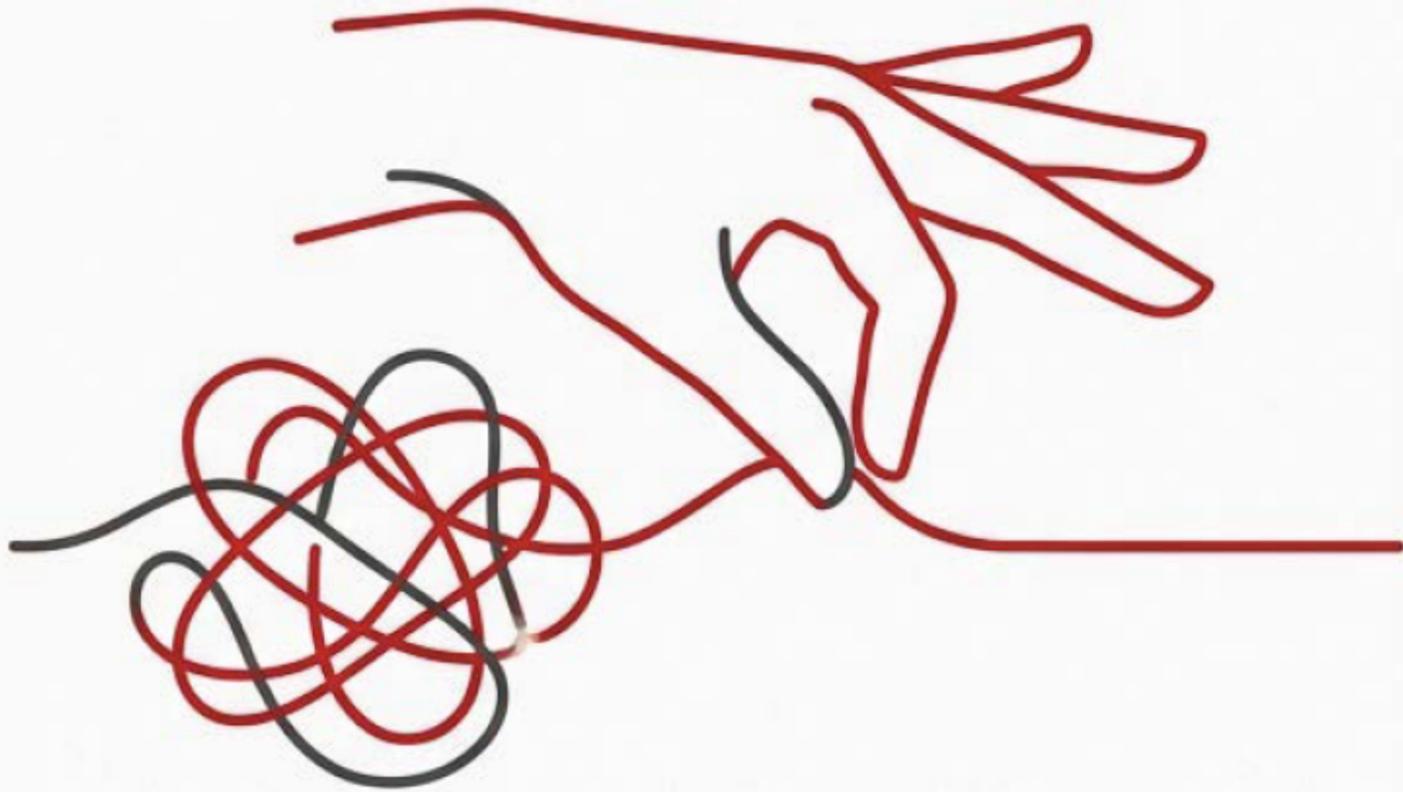
- UNLV Apprentice

The Hybrid Apprenticeship Model



Rigor through practice. Apprentices apply theory in the classroom immediately.

Concierge Supports: Success Coaching



- **Concierge Services:** We register apprentices for classes. We navigate the administration.



- **Asynchronous & Hybrid:** Classes designed for working adults (weekends, online).



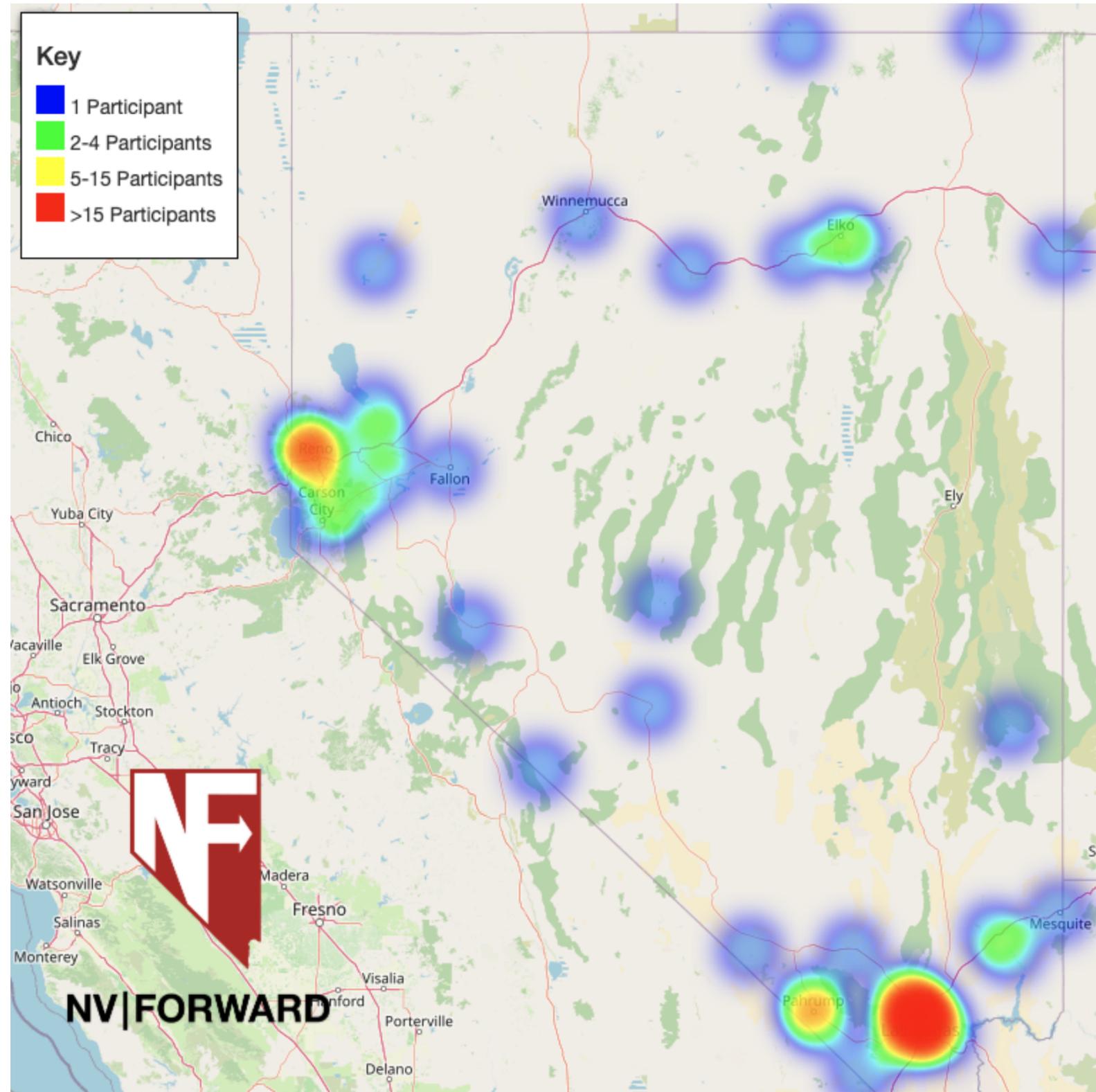
- **Guidance:** A dedicated team to keep apprentices on track when "life happens".

Serving Every Zip Code: Urban and Rural Reach



“From little Elko, I’m attending UNLV!”
— Homegrown talent serving
their own communities.

Statewide Presence



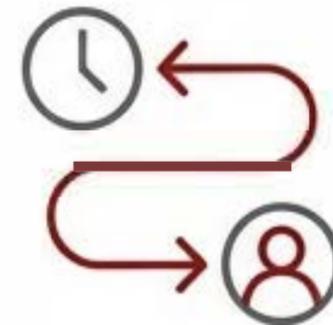
Apprentices stay in their communities because they are FROM their communities.

Why Competency-Based Learning Matters



Mastery-Based Progression

Ensuring educators truly know the content



Personalized Pacing

Meeting learners where they are



Real-World Connections

Theory applied immediately in the classroom



Meeting Workforce Needs

A scalable engine for economic growth

Building the workforce Nevada needs for tomorrow.

An Engine for Economic Growth



Workforce Development:
Filling vacancies with
employees who stay
creates stability and raises
the economic floor.

**Teachers make all
other careers possible.**