

SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE

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Santa Fe County Helps Modernize NM EDGE Clerk Certification; Clerk Clark Leads Curriculum Updates as Staff Deepen Professional Training

Santa Fe County, NM — The Santa Fe County Clerk’s Office is proud to announce its role in modernizing the NM EDGE Certified County Clerk curriculum. Working with county clerks and their staff statewide, NM EDGE has updated courses to better reflect today’s clerk responsibilities, including voter file management, election logistics, public records, and project management. Clerk Katharine E. Clark spearheaded the convening of the new Clerk’s Curriculum Committee, led the redesign of the overall curriculum, taught and reworked several courses, and developed two new culminating project-management–focused classes for election planning and process improvement.

“Modern county clerk work is complex and fast-moving. Our goal is to give every clerk and staff member practical tools and high-quality training so they can deliver accurate, transparent, and accessible elections,” said Clerk Katharine E. Clark. “I’m grateful to NM EDGE and to colleagues statewide who contributed their expertise.”

As part of the update, Clerk Clark invited NM EDGE to engage with The Election Center to explore alignment with national standards, including the Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) program, and project management best practices. Clerk Clark’s vision is for NM EDGE leadership to align coursework with nationally recognized election administration standards.

Santa Fe County staff leadership and participation

Santa Fe County team members served on the clerk curriculum committee along with Clerk Clark, including Chief Deputy Clerk Rosangela Ortiz and Election Worker and Outreach Coordinator Kristy Brusso. Their contributions supported practical, day-to-day improvements that clerks can apply immediately.

Our commitment to professional development

The Clerk’s Office is expanding participation in NM EDGE courses this year, enabling more team members to earn certificates and build specialized skills in elections administration, records, and service delivery.

About NM EDGE

NM EDGE, a program of New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service, provides professional development that strengthens the knowledge and skills of public servants, supporting better government statewide.

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