Program Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

B.S. in Mathematics, Mathematics Education Concentration Department of Mathematics and Statistics University of New Mexico

1 Broad Program Goals

Upon graduation the students of the Mathematics Education concentration will attain:

A. Mathematics knowledge.

- Demonstrate understanding of the foundations of calculus and linear algebra.
- Demonstrate the ability to think logically and critically. Specifically the student will be able to differentiate assumptions from conclusions, and be able to construct logical arguments.
- B. An advanced perspective of high school level mathematics.
- C. Employment and technical skills.
 - Translate the undergraduate degree into a viable career path or graduate degree.
 - Demonstrate communication skills (oral and written).

2 List of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for this Degree

- A.1 Compute limits and derivatives using their definitions, and use the fundamental theorem of calculus to compute definite and indefinite integrals.
- A.2 Understand the role of definitions, axioms, and theorems in mathematical work. Recognize whether or not an argument is a valid proof. Produce viable proofs on your own with an appreciation of careful use of language.
- B.1 Demonstrate an understanding of algebraic structures and, in particular, an algebraic view-point of the real number system.

- B.2 Demonstrate an understanding of different models of geometry, both Euclidean and non-Euclidean. In particular, understand the real numbers and the cartesian plane geometrically.
- B.3 Understand and develop an appreciation for how mathematics and statistics can be applied to real-world phenomena. Demonstrate problem solving skills.
- B.4 Demonstrate an understanding of the importance that functions play in connecting topics across the high school curriculum.
- C.1 Demonstrate sufficient preparation in higher level mathematics to become successful high school math teachers.
- C.2 Demonstrate effective written mathematical communication.