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The Advantages of UNM



As a specialty, Family Medicine is leading health care into the future, finding new ways to deliver primary care, affecting health outcomes in underserved populations, and addressing the larger issues of health within the community. Congratulations on your decision to be a part of this exciting frontier of medicine!

The UNM Family Medicine Program is designed to support the growing role of Family Medicine by training our residents to be clinically skilled physicians and patient advocates, as well as leaders in the communities in which they will practice.

UNM offers a unique kind of program, combining the best parts of working at an academic center with many of the advantages of a community program. Our facilities, faculty, and community will all aid in your transition from a medical school graduate to an independent provider with a set of skills vital for the next generation of physicians.

Our combination of community and hospital-based training allows us more flexibility than most programs: we encourage residents to take every opportunity to tailor their residency experience to move them toward the diverse career goals found within Family Medicine. Whether it's upper level elective months in rural New Mexico, additional inpatient rotations with leading cardiologists, overseas electives, or unique women's health experiences, at UNM you'll have the ability to help chart your own course.

Does Family Medicine work at a university hospital? A key to our success is the respected position we hold within UNM. Being consistently ranked as one of the top 10 Family Medicine departments in the country (US News & World Report), Family Medicine has always played a key role in the vision and priorities of the UNM Health System. We also have an international reputation for innovation in Family Medicine and medical education.

Family Medicine as a specialty, and our department as a whole, is respected at the highest levels of leadership at UNM. Our mission of providing care to those who need it most and eliminating healthcare disparities is the shared mission of UNM.

The Advantages of UNM

Some other great features of our program:

- The institution: UNM serves as both an academic **and** regional safety net hospital: a rare combo that is great for education. It means our patients can be pretty sick, and you'll see and care for a broad range of clinical challenges. It also means that there are leading specialists here, and specialists who chose academic medicine because they enjoy teaching.
- Our faculty: Leaders that teach and teachers that lead. Our faculty includes internationally recognized clinicians, including those that helped pioneer the specialty. All of them are dedicated to the teaching process of young physicians. Residency will challenge you, but you'll be supported by a strong faculty that chose their job because they enjoy training residents.
- High quality scheduled teaching: At our weekly resident school you'll hear presentations by both our department and other nationally recognized clinicians from UNM. You'll also be exposed to stories of what our alumni are doing: things like opening clinics in Nicaragua, working in rural IHS sites, and performing as team physicians for universities.
- Our maternity care and women's health curriculum: Dr. Larry Leeman is a national leader in this arena and our residents get opportunities rarely found in other family medicine programs. Beyond prenatal and obstetric care, the Milagro, FOCUS, Center for Reproductive Health and Ultrasound/Options clinics provide unique opportunities.
- Our inpatient service: UNM Family Medicine Inpatient Service has its own dedicated floor in the hospital, including our own conference room. Not only does this give us a "home," it gives us a voice in inpatient hospital leadership. We also provide excellent care: our service cares for complex inpatients and does well in quality metrics.
- Advocacy and Legislative Exposure: Our program is a visible part of the local and state level communities, with a voice that extends past that of patient care but into the way health care is delivered throughout the state.
- Focus on community medicine and public health: At UNM we value community engagement and advocacy. Our roots in the community run deep, with continuity clinic locations throughout the city, each with its own distinct patient population and demographics.
- Diversity: If you're looking for a diverse patient population, New Mexico is the place for you. We're a minority majority state with a refugee resettlement agency. Our Southeast Heights clinic has a large population of Vietnamese-speaking patients and new refugees, and we serve a large proportion of Native American and Hispanic patients at many of the other clinics and in the hospital.
- Albuquerque: Albuquerque is an old city with a rich cultural tradition. It's also the largest city in New Mexico, one of the most scenic states in the country. It's a great place for people interested in both southwestern vistas and exploring historic cultural sites. Plus, the weather is great and it's sunny about 310 days a year.

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Your Peers- For the Next Three Years

It's true that we provide a unique and diverse patient population in our Program. But we also work to bring a diverse group of residents together. Each of our residents have various backgrounds and exposures, offering their unique insights during training. Your learning and personal experiences will be further enriched as you share and gain knowledge while working with our residents.



Meet some UNM FM Residents

PG-III



Aprilshandiin Curley-Sherer, R3

I've had the privilege of being born and raised in beautiful New Mexico. As a Diné woman, I grew up navigating between two cultures, which was challenging at times but always motivating and inspiring. I view life as an intricate construction of experiences, relationships and memories both positive and negative, which have complemented each other to shape and mold me into the person I am today. I am drawn to family medicine because it is a field which enhances the fundamental idea that medicine functions beyond the illness or disease of an individual; it is incorporated and intricately intertwined into the relationships and lives of patients and health care providers alike. I am continually inspired by the field of family medicine as it has the ability to intervene at various points in a person's life from bringing new life into the world to improving quality of life in order to ensure a comfortable dying process. I am excited to be entering into the field of family medicine and to continue my journey with the support of the UNM Family Medicine Residency Program.

Lauren Bauer, R3

I grew up in Holly Springs, North Carolina and studied at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for my undergraduate education. Afterwards I completed a volunteer year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, living and working in Camden, New Jersey learning about social justice and building intentional community. I graduated from medical school at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, also with a Masters of Public Health degree, where I worked on establishing a mindfulness-based stress reduction curriculum for Latina women and measuring mental health outcomes associated with health coaching. I love family medicine for the continuity, variety, and emphasis on holistic, wellness-focused care. I am passionate about serving underserved communities, delivering babies, and being a community-responsive physician. I have interests in integrative medicine, policy/advocacy, mental health, big data, global health and health equity. In my free time I enjoy traveling, playing water polo, practicing yoga, dancing, making mosaics, and hiking. I am so excited to be living in the Burque, establishing community, and eating as much green chile as possible.



PGY-II



Carlos Cano, PGY II

I am from a small town in New Mexico, and as someone from a rural community, I grew up going to family physicians. That may have set a precedent for what I would become. Throughout medical school, I realized that what was most important to me was to have long-term patient-physician relationships that would allow me to see different generations of the same family and be able to feel comfortable seeing both the youngest of patients to the elderly as well. I have a particular interest in Spanish-speaking populations because my parents both came from Mexico and the town I grew up in was primarily Spanish speaking. During my time at UNM I got to meet all the wonderful staff and residents at the Family Medicine program and really enjoyed all my time with them both in the hospital and at the clinics. It was clear to me that UNM matched my goals in every way and naturally, I wanted to remain here for my training!

Sabrina Gill, PGY II

I am pursuing family medicine because of my longstanding interest in social justice and community building. During medical school, I helped write affidavits for immigrants seeking political asylum, hosted monthly arts- and-crafts fundraisers for small local organizations, and pursued a Masters in Bioethics that focused on issues of minority rights. I believe that many aspects of medicine, from obstetrics and family planning to psychiatry and addiction medicine, are extremely important from a moral and social standpoint. I expect each of these interests to develop and take unexpected turns as my career progresses, and I appreciate that the flexibility in family medicine will allow me to best support and advocate for the underserved communities that I will work in. Having grown up and gone to school in the Northeast, I am moving to the Southwest for the first time. Particularly at this political moment, I am hoping to listen to, work with, and understand the lives of patients who grew up in the opposite corner of the country from myself. Of course, it does not hurt that I will be living in a beautiful city where a river runs through a desert at a mile elevation!



PGY-I Interns



Douglas, Katherine "Katie", Intern

Although I was born in Wisconsin and have been a Packers fan since birth, I've been raised in New Mexico and consider myself a New Mexican. I left the state for college at Trinity University where I studied biology, volunteered with those experiencing homelessness, and met my husband, George! I chose Family Medicine because I believe in the power of relationships, I am committed to our community and I understand that an individual's life is not defined simply by diagnoses or medications. Within Family Medicine, I am interested in women's health and community health. After residency, I plan to work in a primary care setting where I can best address an individual's healthcare needs and also spend time thinking on a population level about how to make our community healthier. I am inspired by the family physicians at UNM and am truly humbled that I have the opportunity to train with such incredible people.

Muller, Brianna, Intern

Born and raised in Colorado, I headed to Notre Dame for college where I studied Anthropology and how to survive subzero temperatures. Upon graduation, I worked as an AmeriCorps Patient Navigator in a Seattle community health center, rode a bike across the United States, and had a brief stint as a ski bum before heading to Oregon Health & Science University in Portland for medical school. Throughout all of this, I witnessed how health and well-being are cultivated not only in clinics, but in the communities where we work, live, and play. During medical school, I completed an MPH to learn more about how to address these structural and social determinants of health. I am grateful for my varied experiences, as they have inspired me to pursue family medicine. Through individual narratives and personal relationships, family medicine reveals the diverse topography of the human experience on a daily basis. I love that it is uniquely situated at the intersection of individual, community, and population health. I chose UNM because I knew I would receive full-scope, community-focused training in all of these realms all while being surrounded by inspiring individuals committed to advancing health equity.



Our Faculty – Valerie Carrejo, MD Addiction Medicine Fellowship Director



Dr. Carrejo earned her medical degree at the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Medicine completed her residency with UNM in 2007. Following residency, she practiced at a federally qualified health center (FQHC) for several years. In 2010, she became board certified in addiction medicine due to an expanding interest in treating patients who have substance abuse issues. She joined the faculty at the UNM Family Medicine in 2012 to be more involved in education and to help develop the treatment of addiction by primary care physicians, an ever-expanding need in New Mexico. She still practices full-spectrum family medicine, including obstetrics, and serves as an Associate Professor and is the medical director of the UNM North Valley Center for Family and Community Health. Additionally, she is program director of the new ACGME accredited Addiction Medicine Fellowship at UNM, which is housed in the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Carrejo was selected as the New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians (NMAFP) 2018 Physician of the Year and was elected NMAFP President for the year 2019.

“Why did I choose Family Medicine? Growing up, I never comprehended specialists as the prominent force in medicine. I only knew that we went to a family doctor and that person was what I wanted to be someday. My driving force, my father, the man who said that I could do “anything I put my mind and heart into” was right. Going into medicine was an easy decision, but medical school was challenging. My Family Medicine preceptors appeared tired, frustrated, beat by the healthcare system. This was devastating for me, as this is who I wanted to be. One Family Medicine physician even told me not to choose family medicine, as it is just a gatekeeper to specialty care. Eventually, I leaned toward Internal Medicine. However, my life changed when I lost my father while I was in medical school. I was completely devastated and I almost quit going to medical school altogether. In spite of this, it was a family physician that called me at home one night, talked to me for hours, and gave me the pep talk that my father would have given me. It was at that moment that I chose Family Medicine and I have never had regret for that choice. I was inspired in residency to care for the whole family. I got to know generations of patients and how their family dynamic, community, and social determinants all affect their health. I delivered babies and I knew everyone in the room because they too were my patients.

I now work at UNM Family Medicine. I actually still see the same patients as I saw in my prior FQHC job, but I feel I have a few more resources and a team to help me. I can give the care that I feel my patients deserve and ultimately I take care of my patients, not their diseases.”

Our Faculty – David Stromberg, MD Inpatient Medical Director



A New Mexico native, Dr. Stromberg completed his residency training in Santa Rosa California with Sutter Health. After graduating from residency and hiking a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail he returned to his native New Mexico, and he has quickly become a leader in the Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Dr. Stromberg maintains a broad spectrum of clinical practice, serving as a generalist role model for many UNM residents and students. His clinical work includes inpatient care, obstetrics, outpatient family medicine and reproductive health. A winner of resident teaching awards, Dr. Stromberg is also the Education Director for the UNM FM Inpatient Service where he helps make sure our popular inpatient service is striking the right balance of service and education. A passionate advocate of Point of Care Ultrasound, Dr. Stromberg has also helped champion educational opportunities and conferences for our residents in this important and developing area.

Any strong educational program needs strong leaders in faculty development, and this is where Dr. Stromberg's work really shines. Dave is a valued leader at the Office of Medical Educator Development and has already become an expert in supporting the professional development of medical educators both in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and in the greater UNM community, where he frequently leads sessions on giving feedback and improving teaching skills. Our residents also benefit directly from this expertise, and many of our residents participate in "Residents as Educators" conferences.

When asked about his job recently, here's what Dr. Stromberg had to say:

"I love my job. When I think about what really grounds me to my work, I often think of two things. One, the privilege to mindfully practice and care for patients in the diverse milieu of family medicine. Two, my privilege to walk alongside the next generation of Family Medicine Doctors as they journey through residency."

Getting to work with dedicated educators like Dr. Stromberg is one of the benefits of choosing UNM Family Medicine!

Our Faculty – Felisha Rohan-Minjares, MD Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education



Of the many reasons to attend the UNM Family Medicine Residency Program, none is more honest than “I want to take care of New Mexico, my home.”

That’s the answer Felisha Rohan-Minjares gave when asked why she chose UNM for her training and why she stayed to build her practice. From Gallup, New Mexico, Felisha’s had many chances to leave, doing her undergraduate training at Notre Dame and medical school at Stanford. “Since I was young, I felt my calling was to do family medicine- to be able to affect the health outcomes of patients, their families and communities.”

“I feel a natural and important connection to the place that I’m from. I understand that New Mexico, like every state, has its challenges and disparities in health care. While the UNM program is focused on our immediate patient population, we train physicians to be flexible enough to work with the underserved and underrepresented in any community. The skills and tools we teach here are portable. A graduate of our program will be clinically exceptional and prepared to help patients make health care decisions affecting their lives and families- no matter where they end up practicing.”

Felisha is one of the reasons the program is so adept at training residents to understand, recognize and address healthcare disparities, she is director of the Cultural Competency Curriculum at the University of New Mexico. This curriculum is directed at training physicians to be lifelong learners, capable of communicating and interacting with patients from the broadest range of cultural, ethnic, socioeconomic and geographic backgrounds. The UNM residency program teaches the importance of self-awareness among practitioners as the first step in addressing disparate health care outcomes.

“I walked into the Southeast Heights Clinic on my first day of internship and I’ve been there ever since,” says Dr. Rohan-Minjares. “It’s the most diverse clinic in the state. I’ve built relationships with my patients and their families and I’ve helped them become active in their own health care decisions. I love my clinic!” Felisha says that the most important attribute that a resident can bring to the UNM program is a willingness to learn, to work hard, and to build relationships with their team. She finishes by saying, “Understanding your role within your team, knowing when to lead and when to learn, will take you far in residency and in practice.”

The UNM Family Medicine program provided Dr. Rohan-Minjares the tools to achieve her goal of caring for her fellow New Mexicans. Her challenge to every incoming resident- find your true goal and pursue it with passion. The joy and energy she brings to her career is proof that the passion pays off.

Our Faculty – Larry Leeman, MD, MCH Director



Walking through the hospital, it's impossible to miss Dr. Larry Leeman. It could be his beard, his haircut or his brightly colored socks, but most likely, it's his smile. Larry's got the sort of sly grin that says, "I'm about to tell you something great." It could be an unbelievable story, a fascinating lesson about obstetrics or that his son studies dub-step music in college. No matter what, when you see Larry, stop and listen, you'll be happy you did.

One of the common things you'll hear in the UNM FM department is that Dr. Leeman wrote the book on obstetrics. It's not far from the truth. Larry is a nationally recognized expert in the field and has been heavily consulted in the development of many OB and family medicine textbooks. As a resident at UNM, you'll see Larry's influence nearly everywhere in the hospital. He started the Maternal Child Health Center (MCH) at the hospital, one of a very few of its kind in the country. Not just an L&D service, here, FM residents have the ability to not simply participate, but lead, the entire process for a wide range of mothers-to-be, with a special focus on high risk and addiction-dependent patients. Under Larry's leadership, the MCH program is one of the most respected high-risk training services for FM residents in the country.

Dedicated to women's reproductive health issues, he's also director of the Milagro program, delivering pre-natal and delivery care for opiate addicted mothers and their babies- an innovative program that is recognized as a model for treating these families in a medical home settings at two of our family practice centers . Medical Consultant to Albuquerque' s of an out-of-hospital birthing center is yet another one of Larry's many roles.

Why did Dr. Leeman choose Family Medicine instead of the traditional OB/GYN specialty? "I'm a generalist at heart- in everything I do -I loved full scope rural family practice on the Zuni Reservation for six years post-residency. With childbirth I like to connect across the umbilical cord and be part of the lives of my patients." When you meet Dr. Leeman his passion for life, variety and new challenges is very clear. His resume boasts of working and living in places like San Francisco, Taos, India China, Ecuador and Guatemala, among others. Larry's proud of the overseas opportunities that UNM provides residents, citing a recent R2 that spent her high-volume month in a public hospital in India.

"This is not an easy residency," says Larry. "It requires a great deal of self-motivation and being a self-starter. I can't imagine a program that offers more options to graduates, but they're options that need to be grabbed. We don't hand anything to our residents, but we'll do anything we can to help them achieve their goals."

"I'm proudest when I see our former residents pursuing big dreams and interacting with more than individual patients. We want to support our residents to create new approaches to health and community. I love to see that."

Then Larry grins that grin and says, "Ya know, you just gotta follow that bliss..."

North Valley Center for Family and Community Health (NV Clinic)



Valerie Carrejo, MD
Medical Director

The UNM North Valley Center for Family and Community Health is the newest multi-disciplinary primary care clinic located in the north valley of Albuquerque. Excitingly, the clinic opened June 2015 after years of planning.

The clinic has twenty-two exam rooms, on-site x-ray, laboratory and pharmacy. The area patient population is diverse and includes all ages with pediatrics, adults, and seniors. We have approximately 5 faculty, 2 mid-level providers, 6 interns, 10 upper level residents, 1 sports fellow, 1 psychiatrist, 2 psychologists, 2 pharm D clinicians, 1 nurse case manager, 1 social worker and 2 community health workers assigned already to the clinic to provide broad spectrum primary care at our site. The North Valley Clinic has faculty in the clinic and other key faculty from the department who regularly precept our residents. The NVC has residents from Psychiatry who rotate with us for ambulatory medicine training as well. The NVC is very active in medical student education and we have numerous Family Medicine Clerkship and Continuity Clinic students who rotate with us.

PHS Indian Health Service (IHS)



Erica Lindsey, MD
Education Director

The PHS Indian Health Center is immediately east of UNM Hospital on the grounds of the historic tuberculosis sanitarium, the first healthcare facility in the area. In 1981, a new ambulatory care addition with 20 exam rooms was built. In 2003, the 32,609 user population made about 90,138 visits to the outpatient clinics of the primary care providers.

Native Americans belonging to over 400 distinct tribes visit our facility with a majority of visits coming from local Pueblo Indians and members of the Navajo Tribe. Most of the clinicians are family physicians, some are boarded in internal medicine or pediatrics. Most have also lived and worked on regional reservations. Two nurse practitioners, one PA and an occasional NP or PA student work concurrently. Tele-radiology is available during regular appointment times, an on-site pharmacy is helpful to both patients and providers. Specialty clinics (rheumatology, gynecology, colposcopy) are frequently held in the facility. Residents can schedule time to participate in the diabetes education program and colposcopy clinics. The Behavioral Health Department is staffed with psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors and social workers. Optometry clinic is staffed with two optometrists and a student. The laboratory is available on site. Procedures available include colposcopy, LEEP, endometrial biopsy, IUD insertion, joint injections, and trigger point injections.

Residents interested in working with Native American populations in urban, reservation or tribal sites will be especially interested in this clinic.

First Choice South Valley (FCSV)



Sai Cheruvu, MD
Education Director

The First Choice Community Healthcare clinics were first funded through a PHS grant in 1972 and have grown into a network of eight Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) from Edgewood to Belen. The clinics offer primary care to all patients, regardless of age, socioeconomic status, or immigration status. There is a sliding fee scale for services.

First Choice South Valley is an excellent training site and will prepare you to treat a wide breadth of primary care issues as well as engage in meaningful community health initiatives. We are active in the UNM Telehealth program. We perform many minor office procedures including colposcopy. In addition to providing medical care to patients of all ages including ample pediatric and obstetrical care, your training will include longitudinal, meaningful community engagement and work in multi-disciplinary teams to address our patients' social determinants of health.

The South Valley Clinic is located in a beautiful new county building, which also houses a dental clinic, Public Health offices and the WIC program. The site is adjacent to Ernie Pyle Junior High School, South Valley Head Start and South Valley Senior Center. We have 27 exam rooms and 2 procedure rooms in addition to the dental clinic and community meeting space.

All the staff is bilingual; about one half of our patient encounters are with Spanish speakers. The majority of our providers are Family Physicians who provide comprehensive care for our diverse population. We also have 2 pediatricians in our clinic, as well as a substance abuse counselor. We have 4-8 providers in clinic at any time, and we see about 1600 patients per month.

Southeast Heights (SEH)



John Bettler, MD
Medical Director

The Southeast Heights Center for Family Health is located in a multicultural, multi-ethnic, low-income area of the Southeast Heights. The clinic relocated to a beautiful new facility in the spring of 2009 and includes lab, xray, a pharmacy, a community room and a small outdoor play area. We have a sizeable obstetric practice and perform procedures such as colposcopy, IUDs, skin biopsies and orthopedic/musculoskeletal injections

Family Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, a Pediatrician, a Clinical Psychologist and a Psychiatrist work with our residents and staff to provide care to our varied patient population, which is largely immigrant; the majority are from Vietnam, Cuba and Mexico with an increasing number of immigrants & refugees from the Middle East and Africa. Case managers and an on-site pharmacy staff also provide essential services. Fluency in Spanish or Vietnamese is very useful; however, video and phone interpreter services are available for the multitude of languages spoken by our patients.

The entire office is involved in a number of community projects. Our recent efforts have focused on developing health care services for refugee populations in coordination with Lutheran Family Services and the NM Department of Health. Other opportunities include participation in a new Transgender Health clinic, exposure to treatment of substance use disorders in pregnancy through the Milagro Clinic, and opportunity to work with families and collaborate with Early Intervention services through FOCUS.

Enjoying Life Outside the Hospital

Albuquerque, New Mexico is a blend of old and new, rural and urban and of art and nature. Be prepared to participate, for the natural wonder and culture of the Southwest is waiting for you.

An oasis in the high desert, we enjoy more than 310 days of sunshine and blue skies. With outdoor sports and adventure in the Sandia Mountains to the east, the art and culture of Santa Fe to the north, and the wild desert to the south and west, UNM residents are never without something to do in their spare time.

As one of the largest cities in the Southwest, Albuquerque offers the excitement and entertainment of other urban centers. Whether it's art, shopping, history or fine dining, you can find it all here. If the noise and excitement become too much, merely head 20 minutes outside of the city and be engulfed by the serenity of nature. Albuquerque is not for spectators.

Climate: The high desert (we're at more than 5,000 feet of elevation) means that it's never too hot and never too cold. Average highs in the spring months are in the 70's while winter averages around the 30's. Clear skies and fluffy clouds are the norm for this area.

Demographics: Albuquerque metro area's population totals almost 900,000. The city ranks among the top 25 largest metros with the most college graduates. Albuquerque made the 2012 list of Greenest Cities in America and Best Places to Retire.

Economy: The largest city in New Mexico, Albuquerque is also its economic center. Part of its success can be attributed to a diverse economic base consisting of government, services, trade, agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, and research and development. Albuquerque is home to Intel, GE, and Sandia National Labs.

Resident Top Things: Albuquerque

- ▲ The weather
- ▲ The outdoors
- ▲ Housing costs (Low!)
- ▲ Red or Green chile
- ▲ Riding a bike/scooter 300+ days/year
- ▲ A ski resort 15 miles from the hospital
- ▲ Great Hiking Opportunities
- ▲ The Sunport International Airport



Albuquerque: By the Numbers

There's a lot to see and do in Albuquerque, too much for one piece of paper. Here are some of highlights. Please visit the city of Albuquerque's web site (www.itsatrip.com) or ask anyone at our program to learn more.

Demographics

- 46.7% Hispanics or Latinos
- 42.1% White
- 3.8% Native American
- 2.7% African American
- 2.5% Asian
- 2% Other

Largest Employers

- Kirtland Air Force Base
- University of New Mexico
- Albuquerque Public Schools
- Sandia National Laboratories
- Presbyterian Health System
- State of New Mexico
- Lovelace Health System
- Intel Corporation
- PNM Resources
- Bank of Albuquerque

What's Nearby

- Santa Fe (45 Miles)
- Taos (130 Miles)
- Las Vegas, NV (575 Miles)
- Durango, CO (213 miles)
- Phoenix (420 Miles)
- El Paso, TX (270 Miles)

Things to Do

- International Balloon Festival
- Skiing, Biking and Hiking
- The Sandia Tramway
- ABQ BioPark

Fun Facts

- Have you seen Breaking Bad?
- Home of Neal Patrick Harris
- The Albuquerque Isotopes got their name from The Simpsons
- The 2.7-mile aerial tramway five miles northeast of Albuquerque is the longest in North America.
- 5,312' elevation makes ABQ the highest city in America
- Nicknamed the "Duke City" after the Spain's Duke of Albuquerque
- Albuquerque encompasses a metropolitan population of about 500,000.