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Native Professional Advancement Center & CNM Launch Free 2-Day Film Training Across New Mexico

Recruiting Participants Now for Fall Sessions — Gallup, Farmington, Santa Fe, Albuquerque

Albuquerque, NM — [Native Professional Advancement Center \(NPAC\)](#), powered by the National Indian Youth Council (NIYC), in partnership with [Central New Mexico Community College's \(CNM\) Film Program](#), is recruiting participants for a [**free, 2-Day Production Assistant \(PA\) Training that prepares New Mexicans for entry-level jobs in the state's booming film and media industry.**](#)

This intensive, hands-on program is designed to improve crew skills, provide on-set experience, and kickstart careers for aspiring filmmakers, students, and community members. Participants will learn industry basics, develop workplace readiness, and gain direct connections to future opportunities in film and television.

*"New Mexico's film industry is thriving, and our communities deserve access to the jobs and careers that come with it," **said Julius Roanhorse, Program Director at NPAC.***

"This training is about more than a weekend workshop — it's about creating pathways for Native, rural, and young filmmakers to succeed in one of the state's fastest-growing industries."

Training Details

- [Gallup, NM — September 12–13, 2025](#)
- [Farmington, NM — September 19–20, 2025](#)
- [Santa Fe, NM — October 10–11, 2025](#)
- [Albuquerque, NM — October 17–18, 2025 \(FULL\)](#)

[The program provides 16 hours of hands-on training](#) across two days (Friday/Saturday) with an additional invitation to complete OSHA-10 certification for workplace safety. Class sizes are capped at 10–25 participants per location, ensuring personalized instruction and mentorship.

*"We want participants to walk away not just with skills, but with the confidence that they can get hired on sets right away," **Roanhorse added.** "Our goal is to increase*

opportunities for Native and rural New Mexicans to thrive in this industry, building a stronger and more inclusive film workforce for the future.”

Program Highlights:

- ***Hands-on Training:*** Two-day Production Assistant (PA) workshops in Gallup, Shiprock, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque.
- ***Industry Partnerships:*** Collaborations with CNM, film unions, and workforce agencies to create career pathways.
- ***Community Impact:*** Correcting representation and amplifying Indigenous voices in media.
- ***Eligibility:*** Open to high school juniors/seniors and adults 18+.

Interested participants must express interest by August 29, 2025 to secure their spot.

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Founded in 1961, the [Native Professional Advancement Center](#), operating alongside the National Indian Youth Council (NIYC), has been a pioneering force in advocating for the rights and well-being of Native American communities. Born out of a desire to see a world where Native peoples can freely exercise their rights to self-determination and sovereignty, we have spent over six decades dedicated to the empowerment and advancement of Native Americans across the United States.