



DEED-SPONSORED

TEACHER-REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

Approved Educator Preparation Provider (EPP)

STRATEGIC USE OF NATIONALLY REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS FOR EDUCATORS (SUNRAE #4) PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE & KODIAK COLLEGE

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

SUNRAE #4 results in degree attainment of an Associates of Arts in General Studies through UAA while apprentices focus on the DOL vocation, "Teaching Assistant." This apprenticeship produces a highly qualified paraprofessional who has a solid foundation in the academic content areas while demonstrating professional competencies while employed as a paraprofessional within a school district. This apprenticeship is designed to be a 2+2 model, meaning the first step is finishing the AA, and then advancing to a Bachelor's degree program in either special education or elementary education with teacher licensure at UAS.

UNIQUE FEATURES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UAA's SUNRAE #4 offers a student-centered approach which features fully remote classes at convenient times, 8-week accelerated courses, and a dedicated apprenticeship coordinator at UAA who provides personalized support with registration, books, and program navigation. Through our registered apprenticeship model and partnerships with school districts and childcare facilities, students can earn while they learn and seamlessly progress from an Associate's to Bachelor's degree within the University of Alaska system, with flexible pathways accommodating both new students and working professionals.

ADDITIONAL INFO/RESOURCES

Personalized Support

- Dedicated support team including an apprenticeship coordinator, student success coordinator, and placement coordinator who regularly meet with UAA faculty and apprentice sponsors to ensure apprentice success and provide wrap-around support through coordinated referrals to UAA's Learning Commons, NSS, and other resources
- Proactive outreach to apprentices to address concerns before they become barriers
- Financial Aid coaching to support apprentices in their completion of the FAFSA, UA Scholarship Application, and other funding opportunities

Program Navigation & Communication

- Comprehensive step-by-step guides for navigating UAA's enrollment, registration, and academic systems
- Timely email communications with upcoming deadlines, required documentation, and important academic activities
- Engaging monthly newsletters highlighting apprentice achievements, sponsor partnerships, resources, and program milestones
- Interactive monthly webinars featuring guest speakers on topics of interest

Academic Monitoring & Progress

- Customized Response to Intervention (RTI) plans tailored to each apprentice's unique learning needs, schedule, prior credits, and career goals
- Data-rich, personalized dashboards for sponsors and apprentices displaying real-time course progress and upcoming tasks
- Bi-weekly meetings with sponsors to review apprentice progress, address challenges, and align needs

PROGRAMS

- Associate of Arts in General Studies

TYPES OF CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE AREAS

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COURSE DELIVERY MODEL

- Synchronous/Asynchronous Online Classes
- 8-Week Accelerated Courses within Compass Career Pathways
- Brief weekly meetings after school hours to accommodate working professionals
- Apprenticeship course schedules are planned to respect subsistence and cultural activities, including strategic summer offerings
- A dedicated apprenticeship coordinator helps apprentices navigate program expectations, serving as their primary point of contact



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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

UAA Associate Degree Programs

- High School Diploma/GED

UAS School of Education Bachelor's Degree Programs

- 3.0 GPA to be maintained until entry of senior year

COST PER CREDIT

- Lower Division Courses | \$234
- Upper Division Courses | \$282
- Mandatory Fees | \$59.16/Credit

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Federal funding via FAFSA
- Local funding via the UA Foundation and the State of Alaska
- Collaborate with school districts to leverage education benefits outlined in Collective Bargaining Agreements
- UAA partners with Alaska Native corporations/foundations, industry leaders, and other stakeholders to pursue state and federal grants to strengthen financial support for apprentices and their communities

ANTICIPATED TIME TO COMPLETION

The time to complete the program varies based on full-time or part-time status.

Full-time Students

With no prior college credits or industry certificates can complete an associate's degree (62 Credits) in 2-years by taking 15-18 credits/semester

Part-time Students

Benefit from the flexibility to progress at their own pace. The UAA School of Education personalizes plans that account for transfer credits and recognize industry-specific certificates, ensuring every student can advance in a way that aligns with their goals and commitments.

SUPPORTS FOR APPRENTICES

UAA's apprenticeship program offers a wide range of personalized resources and support to ensure student success. We have a dedicated Student Success Coordinator, Field Experience Coordinator, and Teacher Apprentice Coordinator who work closely to guide students throughout their journey. Each apprentice has an opportunity to attend an online group orientation and also receives one-on-one academic advising. The Teacher Apprentice Coordinator prepares individualized learning plans tailored to each apprentice's unique needs. Additionally, our Learning Commons offers academic tutoring and coaching, helping students thrive academically. With these comprehensive resources in place, our program is designed to set you up for success every step of the way.

SUPPORTS FOR MENTORS

The SUNRAE programs are dedicated to supporting our partner districts and tribal organizations in delivering high-quality, culturally responsive mentorship and assessment programs. Our approach honors the vital relationship between mentor teachers and preservice teachers, a practice seamlessly extended to our apprenticeship program. We also maintain regular communication with mentors, offering support and holding meetings as needed to ensure their success. By partnering with UAA, mentors not only shape the future of education but also gain professional growth and recognition.

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