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School of Education

## UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS - SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (SOE)

### DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS

#### UAF School of Education BA in Elementary Education

The bachelor's in elementary education is a hands-on program that prepares you for high demand teaching careers in Alaska and across the country. Numerous fieldwork experiences, including a year-long internship, complement coursework in a wide range of content areas. Our program also integrates resources, knowledge and experiences unique to Alaska—offering unique insights and training specific to the geographic and cultural context of our state.

#### UAF School of Education M.Ed in Elementary Education

Earn your master's in elementary education from anywhere in Alaska. You can also become a certified elementary teacher in one year and continue working on your master's degree while you are employed in your own classroom. This program gives you maximum flexibility, and specialized training to teach in rural and urban Alaska. Our master's in elementary education (with K-8 teacher certification) is grounded in local knowledge and experience.

#### UAF School of Education BA, in Secondary Education

The University of Alaska Fairbanks- School of Education prepares students from across Alaska, as well as from other states and nations, to work in urban and rural Alaska and with diverse students. To fulfill our commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for the state's rural and Alaska Native populations, faculty actively and knowledgeably utilize educational technology to deliver all School of Education programs to students across the state.

#### UAF School of Education M.Ed. in Secondary Education

Earn a master's degree in Secondary Education at the same time as licensure.

- Learn from faculty with a wide variety of educational experiences across the secondary education system.
- All courses are available online, serving all of Alaska.
- Experience a full school year from beginning to end through a yearlong internship in a 6-12 classroom.
- Receive coaching from highly qualified mentor teachers and university supervisors who are knowledgeable of the Alaska context.

### PROGRAMS

- Bachelor's Degree | Elementary/Secondary Education
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate | Elementary/Secondary Ed.
- Master's Degree | Elementary /Secondary Education
- Other | Special Education Minor, K-12 Art (BA or M.Ed.)

### TYPES OF CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE AREAS

- Elementary Education (K-8)
- Secondary (6-12)
  - English/Language Arts
  - History or Political Science
  - Mathematics
  - Science, Biology, Chem. General Sci., Physics
  - Foreign Lang., French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish
- K-12
  - Special Education
  - Art
  - Music
- Local Knowledge Educator Certificate (30 credits)
- Special Education Minor
- Early Childhood Education Minor

### COURSE DELIVERY MODEL

The program can be completed through distance delivery or on-site in Fairbanks, Alaska, or Anchorage.

- Evening classes
- In-person classes
- Hybrid or fully online coursework
- Modern asynchronous courses
- Accelerated summer sessions

### ANTICIPATED TIME TO COMPLETION

#### Elementary

- 2 Years Full-Time / 3-4 Years Part-Time
- Flexible Pacing Options

#### Secondary

- 1 Year Full-Time / 2 Years Part-Time
- Flexible Entry and Completion Options are Available

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### Certificate/Associate Degree Programs

- At least 18 Years Old, or
- High School Diploma/GED

### Bachelor's Degree Program

- High School Diploma/GED and:
  - Pass the 16-credit high school core curriculum with at least a 2.5, and have a cum. GPA of 2.5

*If you don't meet these requirements, contact an admissions counselor. You may have options to begin a degree or certificate program, such as starting as a pre-undeclared student or as a non-degree student.*

## COST PER CREDIT

	Resident	Nonresident	WUE
Fairbanks Undergrad. F100-F499 Courses	\$289	\$855	\$434
Community Campus F100-F299 Courses	\$234	\$800	\$351
All F600-F799 Courses	\$539	\$1105	N/A

## FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The new University of Alaska Teacher Internship Scholarship offers tuition and living expense support to eligible students in UA's initial teacher licensure programs:

### \$10,000 living stipend

- Undergraduate students in their final 2-years (60 credits) of their preparation program are eligible for tuition support/living stipend during their final full-time internship year
- Graduate students enrolled in an initial licensure program

### Scholarship Opportunities for 100/200 level education classes

School of Education Scholarship Coordinator: [ndmarshall3@alaska.edu](mailto:ndmarshall3@alaska.edu)

## SUPPORTS FOR MENTORS

- Monthly mentor seminar ED-593 (Credit paid for by the UAF School of Education)
- Online mentor resources for best practices
- Regular check-ins with faculty liaisons

## SUPPORTS FOR APPRENTICES

- One-on-one academic advising
- Dedicated field experience coordinator
- Experienced supervisors with several years of Alaska teaching experience
- Tutoring or supplemental instruction through UAF (writing center tutoring at undergraduate and graduate levels, specific library liaison support for SOE students, math tutoring and support, speaking center and ongoing support through the School of Education)
- UAF Mental Health Counseling
- UAF Student Success Center
- UAF Academic Resources for Students

## UNIQUE FEATURES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**CREDIT TRANSFERABILITY** | All content courses (e.g., math, English, science, etc.) and Education courses taken at other institutions are carefully reviewed by Elementary faculty relative to the BA in Elem. Ed degree requirements. Whenever possible, petitions are prepared and credit awarded for prior coursework.

**ADVISING** | The School of Education has three advisors who work closely with students to guide students seamlessly through the process of teacher licensure and degree attainment.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** | All secondary faculty members have taught in public schools and hold a teaching certificate. 90% of elementary faculty have taught in Alaska schools.

**ACCELERATED PATHWAYS** | The Postbaccalaureate Licensure and the M.Ed. in Secondary Education with Licensure programs can be completed within one academic year. Flexible program entry points and personalized timelines are available to accommodate individual needs. The secondary program supports the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) pathways, allowing individuals to teach while completing their certification requirements.

**STRATEGIES TO SPEED CREDIT ATTAINMENT** | Compressed course: 3 credit courses taught in 8 weeks instead of 16. To meet requirements there would need to be 1x3 hour contact sessions per week during the 8 weeks. In collaboration with the school district, a specific day of the week could be identified for classified staff to leave work early to complete their contact time coursework (e.g. every Tuesday from 2:30-5:30pm). Course intensive: 3 credit courses, typically offered right after the school contract year ends or right before it begins that meets for 5-6 consecutive days for approximately 5-6 hours a day, and also has associated coursework and contact time prior to the week, and after the week equal to ~12 hours of contact time.

**SPECIAL OPTIONS** | Enrollment in the secondary program qualifies for the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) pathway for teacher licensure while working, enabling postbaccalaureate students hired by a school district to obtain licensure through current program enrollment.

**SCIENCE OF READING COURSES** | Both elementary teacher licensure programs include School of Education DEED approved courses that fulfill the Alaska Reads Act Teacher endorsement requirement. Graduates receive the DEED Reads Act Endorsement on their teaching certificate.

**DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS** | SOE has forged significant and long term partnerships with school districts representing all of Alaska's geographic regions. These collaborative efforts have strengthened ties between the university and the communities it serves, ensuring that education in Alaska remains responsive to local needs and priorities. The UAF School of Education partners with school districts across Alaska to offer scholarships, paid teacher placement options, and job opportunities.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FACULTY** | UAF School of Education has two highly qualified special education faculty who teach required courses in the BA in Elementary and Secondary, M.Ed. Secondary programs and teach courses for the Special Education minor.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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