



DEED-SPONSORED

TEACHER-REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

Approved Educator Preparation Provider (EPP)

School of Education

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS - SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (SOE)

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS

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. The two year apprenticeship takes matriculated students through the final phase of their Bachelor's degree program and includes numerous fieldwork experiences and complementary 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. The Special Education Minor with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education allows students to complete all requirements for the BA in Elementary Education, as well as the Special Education minor requirements.

Special Education Minor

The Special Education Minor with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education allows students to complete all requirements for the BA in Elementary Education, as well as the Special Education minor requirements. The Special Education Minor with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education allows students to complete all requirements for the BA in Secondary Education, as well as the Special Education minor requirements.

Post-Baccalaureate Certification in Elementary Education

For candidates that hold a bachelor's degree, you may earn your post baccalaureate teaching certification in elementary education from anywhere in Alaska. You can become a certified elementary teacher in two years while you are employed. This program gives you maximum flexibility, and specialized training to teach in rural and urban Alaska. Our post baccalaureate certification program in elementary education (with K-8 teacher certification) is grounded in local knowledge and experience. Students may take six (6) additional credits beyond the post-bacc certification to pursue a Master's degree in Elementary Education.

BA in Secondary Education

The UAF SOE prepares students for secondary teaching, through distance coursework for students throughout Alaska. The two year apprenticeship takes matriculated students through the final phase of their Bachelor's degree program and includes numerous fieldwork experiences and complementary coursework in a wide range of content areas. The requirements for a secondary school teaching certificate include completion of both a major in an academic subject area appropriate to teaching in the secondary school and the professional education sequence. The teaching major must be in an academic subject area approved for the State of Alaska secondary school teaching certificate and available as a B.A. degree: art, biology, English, French, German, history, mathematics, political science or Spanish. The Special Education Minor with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education allows students to complete all requirements for the BA in Secondary Education, as well as the Special Education minor requirements.

Post-Baccalaureate Certification in Secondary Education

For candidates that hold a bachelor's degree in an academic subject area approved for the State of Alaska secondary school teaching certificate, you can earn your post baccalaureate teaching certification in secondary education from anywhere in Alaska. You can become a certified secondary teacher in two years while you are employed. This program gives you maximum flexibility, and specialized training to teach in rural and urban Alaska. Our post baccalaureate certification program in secondary education (with 6-12 teacher certification) is grounded in local knowledge and experience. Students may take six (6) additional credits beyond the post-bacc certification to pursue a Master's degree in Secondary Education.

Special Education K-12 Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

For candidates that hold a bachelor's degree, but do not hold an existing teaching license, you can complete the two year apprenticeship program for initial teaching certificate (ITC) with K-12 Special Education licensure. For candidates that hold a bachelor's degree and already hold an existing teaching license (K-8 or 6-12), you can add a K-12 special education endorsement (AEND) on an existing teaching license through the two year apprenticeship program.

ANTICIPATED TIME TO COMPLETION

Elementary

- 2 Years Full-Time
- Work and Earn: hold a full-time, paid position in a student-facing role
- Summer Cohort Start

Secondary and Special Education

- 2 Years Full-Time
- Work and Earn: hold a full-time, paid position in a student-facing role
- Flexible Entry Points

PROGRAMS

- Bachelor's Degree | Elementary/Secondary Education
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate | Elementary/Special Ed. K-12
- Special Education Minor | BA Elementary/Secondary Education
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Special Education (ITC or AEND)

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
- Special Education
 - Minor (Additional Endorsement with BAE or BAS)
 - SPED K-12 Initial Teacher Certification
 - SPED K-12 Additional Endorsement

COURSE DELIVERY MODEL

The apprenticeship program can be completed through 100% distance delivery or in-person classes in Fairbanks

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



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APPRENTICE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Gain Admission to UAF based on policies/procedures linked [here](#)
- High School Diploma
- Pass the 16-credit HS Core Curriculum w/ GPA of 2.5 + Cum. GPA 2.5

Elementary Teaching (K-8) Certification

Satisfy **BA Requirements** or **M.Ed Requirements**

Post-Baccalaureate Program | Bachelor's degree

Bachelor's Degree | Completed 78 Credit Hrs towards a BA

Secondary Teaching (6-12) Certification

Satisfy **BA Requirements** or **M. Ed Requirements**

Post-Baccalaureate Program | Bachelor's degree

Bachelor's Degree | Completed majority of Credit Hrs for a BA

Special Education (K-12) Endorsement

Satisfy **Special Education Program Requirements**

Post-Baccalaureate Program | Bachelor's degree & Teaching Cert.

Initial Teaching Certificate | Bachelor's degree, no Teaching License

COST PER CREDIT

	Resident	Nonresident	WUE
UAF CTC	\$241	\$841	\$361
Troth Yeddha (Fairbanks) Undergraduate	\$298	\$898	\$447
Troth Yeddha (Fairbanks) Graduate	\$555	\$1155	N/A

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula (SAEF) grant funds to support resident tuition, fees, and books for eligible apprentices with districts under the DEED sponsorship.

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

There are several other scholarship opportunities for 100 and 200 level education classes and for students who have at least 60 credits toward degree completion. Please contact School of Education Scholarship Coordinator Nikki Marshall: ndmarshall3@alaska.edu

SUPPORTS FOR MENTORS

- Monthly mentor seminar ED-593
(3 credits paid for by the UAF School of Education)
- In-person mentor training with AK Statewide Mentoring Project
- Online mentor resources for best practices
- Regular check-ins with Teacher Apprenticeship Coordinator

SUPPORTS FOR APPRENTICES

- Dedicated Teacher Apprenticeship Coordinator within the UAF SOE
- One-on-one academic advising
- School-based mentor
- Monthly mentor and apprentice seminar
- University supervisors with AK teaching experience
- UAF Mental Health Counseling
- UAF Student Success Center
- UAF Academic Resources for Students

UNIQUE FEATURES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACCREDITATION | All UAF School of Education initial teacher licensure programs are nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES | Several scholarship opportunities for tuition and cost of living support during the student teaching internship are available. Please contact School of Education Scholarship Coordinator Nikki Marshall: ndmarshall3@alaska.edu

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.

FACULTY TEACHING EXPERIENCE | The UAF School of Education has highly qualified education faculty who teach required courses in the elementary, secondary, and special education programs. All faculty members have taught in public schools and hold a teaching certificate, with the majority of faculty having taught in Alaska schools.

PROGRAM DELIVERY | The program can be completed through distance course delivery or on-site in Fairbanks.

APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY | The elementary, secondary, and special education programs support the registered apprenticeship program model, allowing individuals to work full-time in a student-facing position while completing their certification requirements.

COURSE SCHEDULES | All courses are held outside school hours, making scheduling and course completion attainable for educators working in schools. Many courses run on a compressed schedule where three-credit courses are taught in 8 weeks instead of 16 weeks. Course intensives are also offered, where three-credit courses may be held in abbreviated time periods.

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

SCIENCE OF READING COURSES | The 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 | The UAF 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 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.

CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS | The UAF SOE education program prepare educators to embrace and build upon Alaska's unique cultural, linguistic, and geographic diversity.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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