

Undergraduate Certificate in Ahtna Language Instruction

The Undergraduate Certificate in Ahtna Language Instruction prepares students for applying knowledge, resources, and skills appropriate for a variety of entry-level jobs that use Ahtna Dene language and for teaching beginning Ahtna Language. Students who earn this certificate will be able to demonstrate a level of low intermediate speech ability and demonstrate proficiency in beginning Ahtna language instruction. The style of Ahtna taught in this program is Western and Central dialects.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).

Special Considerations

- Students who complete a field study placement may need to complete a background check if their site requires one.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Undergraduate Certificates (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/certificaterequirements/>).
- Complete the following major requirements with a minimum grade of C:

Code	Title	Credits
AKNS A101H	Elementary Ahtna Language I	4
AKNS A102H	Elementary Ahtna Language II	4
AKNS A114H	Ahtna Reading and Writing	3
AKNS A240H	Alaska Native Cultural Orientation: Ahtna	3
AKNS A292B	Alaska Native Language Conversational Fluency Intensive ¹	1-3
AKNS A301	Introduction to Indigenous Language Revitalization	1
AKNS A395	Native Language Instructor Practicum	3
AKNS A421	Indigenous Language Curriculum Design & Instruction	3
AKNS A495A	Indigenous Language Instructor Internship	3
Total		25-27

¹ Must be taken in Ahtna

A minimum of 30 credits is required for the certificate.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Undergraduate Certificate in Ahtna Language Instruction will be able to:

- Demonstrate low intermediate speaking proficiency, with conversational speaking skills as described in the Ahtna Athabascan Proficiency Standards
- Read and comprehend basic Ahtna, including words and sentences pertaining to everyday topics, at a level comparable to their speaking proficiency on Ahtna Athabascan Proficiency Standards
- Locate and assess Ahtna Dene language resources and reference materials for diverse situations and proficiency levels.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Ahtna history, culture, arts, and issues in the Ahtna region.
- Examine cross-cultural communication, cultural values, and working with Elders.
- Write beginner lessons in Ahtna language
- Deliver beginner lessons in Ahtna language in classroom settings.