

Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Ahtna Language

The Occupational Endorsement Certificate (OEC) in Ahtna Language prepares students for learning knowledge, resources, and skills appropriate for a variety of entry-level jobs that use Ahtna Dene language. Students who earn this OEC will be able to certify a level of low intermediate speech ability according to the guidelines of the Ahtna Dene Proficiency Guidelines scale through completion of an oral proficiency assessment. The style of Ahtna taught in this program is in Western and Central dialects.

Admission Requirements

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

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Occupational Endorsement Certificates (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/oecrequirements/>).
- 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 A292B	Alaska Native Language Conversational Fluency Intensive ¹	1-3
AKNS A240H	Alaska Native Cultural Orientation: Ahtna	3
Total		15-17

¹ In Ahtna Language

A minimum of 15 credits is required for the degree.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Ahtna Language will be able to:

- Demonstrate low intermediate speaking proficiency, with conversational speaking skills as described in the Ahtna Dene Proficiency Guidelines standards.
- Read and comprehend basic Ahtna, including words and sentences pertaining to everyday topics, at a level comparable to their speaking proficiency.
- 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 Dena'ina region.
- Examine cross-cultural communication, cultural values, and working with Elders.