Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Dena'ina Language

The Occupational Endorsement Certificate (OEC) in Dena’ina 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 ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines scale through completion of an oral proficiency assessment. The style of Dena’ina taught in this program is Upper and Inland.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Occupational Endorsement Certificate Programs (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/).

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Occupational Endorsement Certificates (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/oecrequirements/).
- Complete the following major requirements with a minimum grade of C:

Code	Title	Credits
AKNS A101F	Elementary Dena'ina Language I	4
AKNS A102F	Elementary Dena'ina Language II	4
AKNS A114F	Dena'ina Reading and Writing	4
AKNS A292B	Alaska Native Language Conversational Fluency Intensive [1]	1-3
AKNS A240F	Alaska Native Cultural Orientation: Dena'ina	3
Total		**16-18**

[1] *Must be taken in Dena'ina*

A minimum of 16 credits is required for the degree.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Dena'ina Language will be able to:

- Demonstrate low intermediate speaking proficiency, with conversational speaking skills as described in the ACTFL Guidelines standards.
- Read and comprehend basic Dena’ina, including words and sentences pertaining to everyday topics, at a level comparable to their speaking proficiency on ACTFL standards.
- Locate and assess Dena’ina Dene language resources and reference materials for diverse situations and proficiency levels.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Dena’ina history, culture, arts, and issues in the Dena'ina region.
- Examine cross-cultural communication, cultural values, and working with Elders.