The Early Childhood program at UAA blends theory and practice in the preparation of early childhood educators who can deliver quality care and education for young children from birth through age eight.

Within the Early Childhood program are four options:

- Early Childhood Development Undergraduate Certificate
- Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development
- Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Early Childhood Pre-K-Third Grade.

The Early Childhood Development Certificate program and the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development program prepare para-educators and other professionals to work in early care and education settings, including the public school system. The Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education prepares professionals to work with young children from birth through age eight. Successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education (or the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Early Childhood Pre-K-Third Grade) requirements leads to an institutional recommendation for initial teacher certification with an endorsement in pre-K-third grade. All programs are developed to meet the National Association for the Education of Young Children guidelines for personnel preparation.

Programs of Study

Undergraduate Certificate

- Certificate in Early Childhood Development (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/coe/earlychildhood/certificate-earlychildhooddevelopment)

Associate of Applied Science

- AAS in Early Childhood Development (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/coe/earlychildhood/aas-earlychildhooddevelopment)

Bachelor of Arts

- BA in Early Childhood Education (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/coe/earlychildhood/ba-earlychildhoodeducation)

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

- Certificate in Early Childhood: Pre-K-Third Grade (with Teacher Certificate) (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/coe/earlychildhood/postbaccert-earlychildhoodprekthirdgrade)