Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Elementary Education (with Teacher Certification)

Those students who already have a baccalaureate degree may obtain an Elementary Education Post-Baccalaureate Certificate by completing the following requirements.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the University of Alaska Anchorage

Satisfy the Admission Requirements for Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpolicies/processes/admissions/postbaccalaureate). Complete the UAA Undergraduate Application for Admission, available on the UAA Admissions website (http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions).

Admission to the College of Education’s Elementary Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Elementary Education Program

In order to be admitted to the program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete an application for admission to the Elementary Education Post-Baccalaureate Certificate program. (For financial aid purposes, applicants must adhere to the deadlines established for the UAA Undergraduate Application for Admission.)
2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 for the baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
3. Have completed a course in child development. An example of an UAA course that meets this requirement is EDSE A212. An alternate course will also be considered.
4. Undergraduate preparation in content areas relevant to elementary education: English, mathematics, science, social sciences, art, physical education, and health.
5. Successfully complete the Praxis I examination or other Alaska Early Education and Development (EED) approved basic competency exam requirement (www.eed.state.ak.us/TeacherCertification). Contact the College of Education for current passing scores.

Admission to the program is competitive. Qualified applicants are accepted on a space-available basis.

Admission to Field Experiences

Admission to field experiences is separate from admission to the program and may be limited by community partners. See the Field Placements (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/coe) link on the College of Education page. Applications for EDEL A495A and elementary internship courses must be submitted by the semester before enrolling in EDEL A495A. Qualified applicants are accepted on a space-available basis. Admission to the Department of Undergraduate and Initial Certification does not guarantee admission to the field experiences.

The Elementary Programs Admission Committee determines a candidate’s readiness to enroll in all field experiences. The candidate must realize that requirements set forth below constitute minimum preparation, and it may be the judgment of the committee that the candidate needs further work to develop content knowledge or skills to work with children.

Elementary Practicum II and Internship Application Criteria

EDEL A495A increases the time in the classroom and the planning and teaching experiences, with focus on the classroom environment, math and science. The elementary internship includes a capstone seminar and extensive, supervised teaching experiences in an elementary classroom. Emphasis is placed on meeting the Alaska Beginning Teacher Standards. Criteria include the following:

1. Meet all the requirements for and be admitted to the Department of Undergraduate and Initial Certification as an elementary education major.
2. Submit an application form for admission to EDEL A495A and internship.
3. Participate in a screening interview, if requested.
4. Complete all prerequisite courses.
5. Successfully complete the Praxis II: Elementary Content Knowledge (0014). Contact Student Services for current passing scores.
6. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75.
7. Have a GPA of 3.00 in program requirements.
8. Apply for the Student Teaching Authorization Certificate. This application includes fingerprinting and a criminal background check. Fee required. Contact Student Services for more information.

Qualified applicants are accepted on a space-available basis. Admission to the Department of Teaching and Learning does not guarantee admission to the internship.

Academic Requirements

All Elementary Education Post-Baccalaureate Certificate courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to obtain an institutional recommendation for elementary teacher certification.

Graduation Requirements

• Complete the General University Requirements for Post-Baccalaureate Certificates (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/postbaccalaureate requirements).
• Complete the Background Check Requirements as outlined in Field Placements (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/coe) located in the overview the College of Education.
• Complete the program requirements below.

**Program Requirements**

It is recommended that candidates complete EDFN A101 prior to enrolling in a 300-level education course.

### Core Courses

Field experience in public schools required as part of most courses.

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**Method Courses**

Concurrent enrollment in a practicum is required. See an advisor for details.

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**Practicums, Seminars and Internship**

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Total Credits 41-44

A total of 39 credits is required for the certificate. A minimum of 29 approved credits, including the courses EDEL A395, EDEL A495A and EDEL A495B must be completed after the award of the baccalaureate degree.

**Institutional Recommendation, Elementary Teacher Certification (K - 6)**

Following are the requirements for an institutional recommendation:

1. All course requirements completed with a grade of C or higher.
2. Cumulative GPA of 3.00 in the Elementary Education Post-Baccalaureate Certificate courses.
3. Passing scores on the Praxis I and II examinations.