

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Early Childhood Education Pre-K - Third Grade

The Post-baccalaureate (PBCT) in Early Childhood Education prepares PK-3 licensed teachers and other learning professionals to work in the public school system. The program prepares candidates with an existing baccalaureate degree to work with young children from birth to eight years.

Licensure and/or Certification

This program is designed to meet the educational requirements for professional licensure or certification in the State of Alaska. However, the program might not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure or certification in other states. Please see UAA's Licensure and Certification website (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/licensure.cshhtml/>) for more information.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Post-Baccalaureate Certificates (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/postbaccalaureate/>).
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 for the baccalaureate degree.

Graduation Requirements

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

Satisfaction of all major requirements must be demonstrated through coursework completed either before or after the award of the student's first baccalaureate degree.

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
EDEC A107	Child Development and Learning	3
EDFN A300	Philosophical and Social Context of American Education	3
Major		
EDEC A242	Culturally Responsive Family Engagement	3
EDEC A303	Young Children in Inclusive Settings	3

Literacy & Methods

EDEC A320	Foundations of Literacy and Language Development	3
EDEC A321	Language, Reading and Culture	3
EDEC A403	Mathematics and Science in Early Childhood	3
EDEC A404	Literacy Methods for Young Children	3

Advanced Practicum, Internship and Seminar Requirements

EDEC A492Y	Early Childhood Student Teaching 1 Seminar	3
EDEC A492Z	Early Childhood Capstone Seminar	3
EDEC A495Y	Early Childhood Student Teaching 1	3
EDEC A495Z	Early Childhood Student Teaching 2	9

Total 42

A minimum of 42 credits is required for the certificate.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Early Childhood Education Pre-K - Third Grade will be able to:

- Create a healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging learning environment based on knowledge of child development and learning to meet diverse children's needs.
- Create respectful, culturally responsive relationships that support and empower families, and involve all families in their children's development and learning.
- Use systematic observations, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies in a responsible way, in partnership with families and other professionals, to positively influence children's development and learning.
- Design effective approaches to teaching and learning, implement and evaluate experiences that promote positive development and learning for all children.
- Incorporate knowledge of content areas to create appropriate experiences for young children.
- Use ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to early childhood practice.
- Demonstrate knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives on professional practice, making informed decisions that integrate knowledge from a variety of sources.