

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-8) B.A.

## Admission Requirements

Complete the following admission requirements:

B.A. in elementary education students should enroll in the School of Education's recommended sequence of core and major course requirements during their first two years. By following the sequence recommended in Transition One on the Criteria for Advancement through Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education Degree ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PS-WfnVqsm\\_6cjNqdRmZ8gpdNPiZTWUj/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PS-WfnVqsm_6cjNqdRmZ8gpdNPiZTWUj/view?usp=sharing)), students will be knowledgeable about their status relative to their progress toward meeting the criteria for admission to the professional internship year. To make certain that students will be able to receive the support necessary to prepare for the internship year, all B.A. in elementary education students are required to submit Praxis I or Praxis ASE scores (passing scores are not required until applying to the internship year) to the School of Education prior to enrolling in EDSE F316, and Praxis II (test 5018) test scores must be submitted with the intern year admission packet. Prior to enrollment in professional-year courses and prior to receiving an internship placement in a classroom, all students must submit the materials listed below and meet admission requirements as described in Transition Two. **Declaring a B.A. major in elementary education does not guarantee admission to the professional internship year.**

Internships begin in August or September on the date when teachers return to school (this varies across districts). Since internship placements are arranged with principals and mentor teachers in the spring, all materials necessary for determining admission to the School of Education must be submitted by Feb. 1. Faculty in the School of Education consider multiple criteria in making valid and reliable judgments about each applicant's knowledge, skills and professional characteristics prior to approval for the yearlong internship in a classroom with elementary school-age children.

Students must submit the following information to the School of Education by Feb. 1:

1. Copies of transcripts from all institutions attended. Evidence of plan of completion of all B.A. degree in elementary education degree courses by Aug. 1 (except for those required in the professional internship year), with a minimum of a 2.75 overall GPA, a 2.0 in each major academic area, and a C or better in all required courses. Students with less than a 2.75 overall GPA may be considered for conditional admission in special circumstances.
2. Alaska passing scores from the Praxis I or Praxis Core ASE exams in reading, writing and math, and Praxis II Elementary Content Knowledge exam (test 5018). In extenuating circumstances, applicants may be allowed to begin the internship year without yet having an Alaska qualifying Praxis II score. Students cannot complete program requirement without receiving an Alaska qualifying Praxis II score. See course description for ED F468.
3. Two letters of reference that address qualifications and potential as a teacher.
4. A current and complete resume/curriculum vitae.
5. Two one-page essays on topics determined by the School of Education.

6. Completed Elementary Teacher Education Academic Analysis and Life/Work Form to provide information on breadth and depth of prior course work and/or documented life experiences relative to ten Alaska Student Content Standard areas.
7. A one- to two-page autobiographical sketch (appropriate for presenting to prospective principals and mentor teachers).
8. Extemporaneous writing sample. Contact the School of Education advising office for date, time and location information.
9. Evidence of successful experiences in teaching and learning situations.
10. Evidence of ability to work collaboratively and respectfully in cross-cultural contexts.
11. Completed Alaska Student Teacher Authorization Packet, including fingerprint cards and criminal background check. Forms are available from the School of Education.
12. Complete an interview, when requested.

**Note: Students are admitted for a specific academic year and must reapply if they do not enroll in the year in which they were reviewed.**

## Program Requirements

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## Minimum Requirements for Elementary Education (K-8) B.A.: 122-126 credits

Students must earn a C grade or better in each course.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General University Requirements</b>		
Complete the general university requirements. ( <a href="https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/#gurbachelorsdegreestext">https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/#gurbachelorsdegreestext</a> )		
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
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As part of the general education requirements, complete the following:		
<i>Arts</i>		
ART/MUS/FLPA F200X	Explorations in Art	
or ANS/FLPA F161X	Introduction to Alaska Native Performance	
or ANS F202X	Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance	
or ANS/MUS/ACNS F223X	Alaska Native Music	
<i>Humanities</i>		
ENGL F270X	Introduction to Creative Writing	
<i>Social Sciences</i>		
HIST F100X	Modern World History	
or HIST F102X	Western Civilization Since 1500	
<i>Mathematics</i>		
MATH F122X	Essential Precalculus with Applications	
or MATH F151X	College Algebra for Calculus	
<i>Natural Sciences</i>		

BIOL F100X	Human Biology
or BIOL F103X	Biology and Society
or BIOL F104X	Natural History of Alaska
CHEM F100X	Chemistry in Complex Systems
or CHEM F103X	Introduction to General Chemistry
or PHYS F102X	Energy and Society
or PHYS F115X	Physical Sciences

*Additional Arts/Humanities/Social Science* <sup>1</sup>

Complete one of the following:

3-5 credits of a language

ANL F255X	Introduction to Alaska Native Languages
ANTH F100X	Individual, Society and Culture
HIST F132X	History of the U.S.
SOC F101X	Introduction to Sociology

**B.A. Degree Requirements**

Complete the B.A. degree requirements. (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/#bachelorofartstext>) 22

As part of the B.A. requirements, complete the following:

*Humanities*

ED/LING F100	Language, Education, Linguistics
or LING F101X	Nature of Language
ED F439	Supporting Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Classroom

*Social Sciences*

Complete the following:

ED/PSY F245	Child Development
HIST F131	History of the U.S.
PS F101X	Introduction to American Government and Politics

Complete one of the following:

ANS F242X	Indigenous Cultures of Alaska
ANTH F242	Native Cultures of Alaska
HIST F115	Alaska, Land and Its People
HIST F461	History of Alaska

**Elementary Education (K-8) Program Requirements**

*Mathematics Requirements*

Complete the following:

MATH F211	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers	3
MATH F212	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II	3

*Science Requirement*

Complete one of the following: 4

ATM F101X	Weather and Climate of Alaska
GEOS F101X	The Dynamic Earth
GEOS F111X	Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography
GEOS F120X	Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes: Past, Present and Future
MBI/OCN F111X	The Oceans

*Education Requirements*

Complete the following:

ED F110	Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century	1
ED F201	Introduction to Education	3
ED F206	Core Practices in Place and Arts-Based Teaching	3
ED F329	Teaching with Technology	3
ED F330	Assessment of Learning	3
ED F344	Foundations of Literacy Development	3
EDSE F316	Introduction to Special Education for Elementary Classroom Teachers	3
EDSE F320	Adapting and Accommodating Instructions for Students with Disabilities	3

Complete one of the following: 3

ED/ANS F420	Alaska Native Education
ED/ANS F461	Native Ways of Knowing

**Professional Internship Year with Integrated Coursework**

*First Semester*

ED F411	Reading, Writing, Language Arts: Methods and Curriculum Development	3
ED F412	Integrated Social Studies and Language Arts: Methods and Curriculum Development	3
ED F414	Art, Music and Drama in Elementary Classrooms	3
ED F466	Internship and Collaborative Student Teaching <sup>2</sup>	3
ED F467	Classroom Management Communication and Collaboration I	2
ED F478	Mathematics Methods and Curriculum Development	3

*Second Semester*

ED F417	Physical Activity and Health Education for Elementary Teachers	3
ED F468	Internship and Student Teaching <sup>2</sup>	4
ED F469	Classroom Management Communication and Collaboration II	2
ED F476	Assessment of Literacy Development	1
ED F479	Science Methods and Curriculum Development	3

**Total Credits** **122-126**

<sup>1</sup> Students should consult UAF SOE advisor.

<sup>2</sup> Fulfills the baccalaureate capstone requirement.