

ELEMENTARY (K-8) POSTBACCALAUREATE LICENSURE PROGRAM

This program is offered in Fairbanks and College of Rural and Community Development campus service areas. The elementary teacher postbaccalaureate program is an intensive, year-long program designed to provide students with the course work and internship experience necessary to meet the Alaska Teacher Standards and be eligible for licensure as an elementary teacher in Alaska. This classroom-based program is built upon the principle of partnership — a cooperative effort between interns, mentor teachers and university faculty partners.

Students begin the program in the summer with a 9-credit block of courses. Students who complete the undergraduate courses ED F110, ED F201, ED F330, ED F344 and EDSE F316 can use these to fulfill the summer requirements. During the academic year of the school district, all students complete two semesters of integrated university courses and internship.

Students must apply through the Office of the Registrar to graduate with a certificate of completion. At the end of the school year, if students have successfully met all of the program requirements, they will be eligible to apply for an Alaska Elementary License.

Elementary applicants apply as graduate-level licensure students. They may choose to complete this licensure program as part of the M.Ed. degree in elementary education. However, application to the M.Ed. degree program should be made at the beginning of elementary postbaccalaureate course work to avoid losing credits for the M.Ed. degree. (See M.Ed. elementary education (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/graduate/graduate-degree-programs/education/master-education-elementary-education/#text>) options requirements.) Candidates who enter the elementary postbaccalaureate licensure program are required to have laptop computers prior to enrolling in ED F344 or ED F624.

School of Education (<http://www.uaf.edu/soe/>)
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Admission Requirements Admission and Application Information

It is strongly recommended that applicants contact the School of Education several months prior to the deadline-this will allow sufficient time to complete prerequisites if necessary. Applications will be reviewed as submitted. Deadline is Feb. 15. Applicants may submit after the deadline with department faculty approval.

Admission includes meeting both UAF graduate admission requirements and the School of Education admission requirements.

GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Submit the following to the UAF Office of Admissions with a copy to the School of Education:

1. UAF graduate application and fee.
2. Official transcript of bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and official transcripts from all institutions attended. A GPA of at least 3.0 (B grade) in undergraduate degree is required but students

with less than a 3.0 may be considered for conditional admission in special circumstances.

3. Three letters of reference that address qualifications and potential as a teacher.
4. A vitae/resume.
5. Four- to five-page essay indicating: reasons for wanting to become a teacher, assessment of academic and personal strengths relative to teaching, future plans and reasons for selecting the elementary postbaccalaureate program.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Submit the following information directly to the School of Education, using School of Education forms:

1. Alaska passing scores from the Praxis I or Praxis Core ASE exam in reading, writing and mathematics and Praxis II Elementary Content 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 requirements without receiving an Alaska qualifying Praxis II score.
2. Completed academic analysis form to provide information on breadth and depth of prior course work relative to 10 Alaska Student Content Standard areas. If additional course work is required, it must be completed prior to beginning the program.
3. A writing sample, autobiography, evidence of successful paid or volunteer teaching/learning experience, evidence of successful cross-cultural experience.
4. Evidence of technology competence through successful completion of ED F237A, ED F237B, ED F237C and ED F237D or by successfully challenging each of the four components of the two-credit course.
5. Completed Alaska Department of Education and Early Development authorization packet (fingerprint cards and criminal background check necessary to work in schools). Packet is available from the School of Education.
6. Some school districts may require interns to submit a physical examination form.

Program Requirements Minimum Requirements for Elementary (K-8) Postbaccalaureate Licensure Program: 39 credits

Code	Title	Credits
Elementary (K-8) Postbaccalaureate Licensure Program Requirements		
Summer Semester ¹		
ED F624	Foundations of Education in Alaska: From Segregation to Standards ²	3
ED F625	Exceptional Learners and Child Development: Individual and Cultural Characteristics	3
ED F626	Teaching Reading, Writing and Language Arts	3
Fall 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 F466	Internship and Collaborative Student Teaching	3
ED F467	Classroom Management Communication and Collaboration I	2
ED F478/F678	Mathematics Methods and Curriculum Development	3
ED F479/F688	Science Methods and Curriculum Development	3

Spring Semester

ED F414	Art, Music and Drama in Elementary Classrooms	3
ED F417	Physical Activity and Health Education for Elementary Teachers	3
ED F468	Internship and Student Teaching	4
ED F469	Classroom Management Communication and Collaboration II	2
ED F476	Assessment of Literacy Development	1

¹ Or complete ED F110, ED F201, ED F330, ED F344 and EDSE F316 prior to Aug. 1 of the internship year.

² ED F624 meets the State of Alaska requirement for an approved multicultural/cross-cultural communication course.