EDUCATION

B.A. Degree and Postbaccalaureate Licensure

The University of Alaska Fairbanks complies fully with the institutional reporting requirements mandated in Title II of the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998. Please contact the School of Education for a copy of the report.

The School of Education prepares students from across Alaska, as well as from other states and nations, to work in urban and rural Alaska and to work with multicultural and minority — especially Alaska Native — students. To fulfill our commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for the state’s rural and Native populations, faculty actively and knowledgeably utilize educational technology to deliver all School of Education programs to students in most areas of the state.

The School of Education offers bachelor’s degrees in elementary education and secondary education; and postbaccalaureate programs are offered in elementary education, secondary education, counseling and special education.

The School of Education is approved by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to recommend its students for Alaska licensure as elementary and secondary teachers, school counselors and special education teachers. Courses are available on-site and by distance delivery through the Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay, Interior Alaska, Chukchi and Northwest campuses, as well as on the Fairbanks campus. Faculty research in cross-cultural studies, curriculum and instruction, language and literacy, and small rural schools supports the mission of the School of Education.

Priority for enrollment in field-based courses is given to rural students formally admitted to degree and licensure programs. All inquiries should be addressed to one of the rural campuses or to the School of Education’s Certification and Advising Office.

Candidates for all School of Education programs are required to have a laptop computer. Laptops may be of any type but must have capacities that enable candidates to meet School of Education requirements. If you have questions about how a laptop purchase will fit in with your current financial aid package, please contact the UAF Financial Aid Office.

Licensure Information

UAF education programs are approved by the Alaska State Board of Education and accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. For information about these programs, contact one of the UAF School of Education’s academic advisors.

Certification is awarded by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development in Juneau. Therefore, students must meet all requirements specified by EED at the time of their application for the teaching certificate. In addition to completing an approved teacher training program, the State of Alaska requires that all initial applicants provide evidence of passing scores on one of various state-identified skills tests; the UAF School of Education requires Praxis I or Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (ASE) for this purpose. For additional information, see the Alaska State Department of Education and Early Development website.

Minimum Requirements for Education Bachelor’s Degree: 121-128 credits