**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_6cijNdQmZ9gpNpZTWuJ/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 internship 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.


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.: 125-130 credits**

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

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As part of the general education requirements, complete the following:

**Arts**

- ART/MUS/FLPA F200X Explorations in Art
- or ANS/MUS F161X Introduction to Alaska Native Performance
- or ANS F202X Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance
- or ANS/MUS/ACNS F223X Alaska Native Music

**Humanities**

- ENGL F270X Introduction to Creative Writing

**Social Sciences**

- HIST F100X Modern World History
- or HIST F102X Western Civilization Since 1500

**Mathematics**

- MATH F122X Essential Precalculus with Applications
- or MATH F151X College Algebra for Calculus

**Natural Sciences**
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
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. (http://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/#bachelorofartstext)
As part of the B.A. requirements, complete the following:

Humanities
ED/LING F100  Language, Education, Linguistics
or LING F101X  Nature of Language

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:
ATM F101X  Weather and Climate of Alaska 4
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 F439  Supporting Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Classroom 3

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:
ED/ANS F420  Alaska Native Education 3
ED/ANS F461  Native Ways of Knowing 3

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 2 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 2 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 125-130

1 Students should consult UAF SOE advisor.
2 Fulfills the baccalaureate capstone requirement.