**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_6cjNqdRmZ8gdNPIZTWUi/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 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.: 122-126 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/FLPA 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**
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**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. ([https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/#bachelorofartstext](https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/#bachelorofartstext))

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

**Humanities**

- ED/LING F100 or LING F101X Language, Education, Linguistics or 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

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**Mathematics Requirements**

Complete the following:

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

**Science Requirement**

Complete one of the following:

- 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
- ED F201 Introduction to Education
- ED F206 Core Practices in Place and Arts-Based Teaching
- ED F329 Teaching with Technology
- ED F330 Assessment of Learning
- ED F344 Foundations of Literacy Development
- EDSE F316 Introduction to Special Education for Elementary Classroom Teachers
- EDSE F320 Adapting and Accommodating Instructions for Students with Disabilities

Complete one of the following:

- 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
- ED F412 Integrated Social Studies and Language Arts: Methods and Curriculum Development
- ED F414 Art, Music and Drama in Elementary Classrooms
- ED F466 Internship and Collaborative Student Teaching
- ED F467 Classroom Management Communication and Collaboration I
- ED F478 Mathematics Methods and Curriculum Development

**Second Semester**

- ED F417 Physical Activity and Health Education for Elementary Teachers
- ED F468 Internship and Student Teaching
- ED F469 Classroom Management Communication and Collaboration II
- ED F476 Assessment of Literacy Development
- ED F479 Science Methods and Curriculum Development

**Total Credits**

122-126

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