

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

## Graduate Certificate

The graduate certificate in rural development is intended for community development practitioners, agency and industry professionals, and current graduate students working with tribal and municipal governments, Native corporations, regional health corporations or nonprofits, state and federal agencies, or private businesses conducting work in rural areas who wish to obtain a foundation in the theory and practice of development processes in Alaska and the circumpolar North. The certificate will prepare students to conduct work related to human and economic development with rural communities with a particular focus on sustainable development strategies, community-based development, and Indigenous perspectives on development.

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## Admission Requirements

Complete the following admission requirements:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.

## Program Requirements

### Minimum Requirements for Graduate Certificate: 12 credits

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General University Requirements</b>		
Complete the general university requirements. ( <a href="http://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate/mastersdegrees/#generaluniversityrequirementstext">http://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate/mastersdegrees/#generaluniversityrequirementstext</a> )		
<b>Graduate Certificate Requirements</b>		
Complete the graduate certificate requirements. ( <a href="http://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate/#certificateslicensencuretext">http://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate/#certificateslicensencuretext</a> )		
<b>Rural Development Program Requirements</b>		
<i>Complete the following:</i>		
RD F625	Community Development Strategies: Principles and Practices	3
RD F651	Management Strategies for Rural Development	3
<i>Select two of the following:</i>		6
RD F600	Indigenous Leadership Symposium	
RD F601	Political Economy of the Circumpolar North	
RD F608	Indigenous Knowledge Systems	
RD F612	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	
RD F630	Economic Development Policy and Entrepreneurship in Rural Alaska: Challenges and Opportunities	
RD F650	Community-based Research Methods	
RD F652	Indigenous Organization Management	

RD F655	Circumpolar Health Issues
RD F667	Tribal Responses to Violence: Safety, Justice and Advocacy
RD F670	The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Pre-1971 to Present
RD F671	Corporate Social Responsibility and Accountability in Rural and Indigenous Contexts
RD F675	Federal Indian Law: Land, Water and Subsistence
RD F676	Federal Indian Law in Alaska: Tribal Self-governance - Business, Public Safety Protection of Family,

At most one 3-credit rural development or Alaska Native studies course at the 400 level.

Or other elective course approved by a rural development advisor.