

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, B.A.

Juneau, On-site and e-Learning

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The Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education prepares students for recommendation in the state of Alaska for initial teaching certification in grades K-8. This program is for students in Juneau and rural Alaskan communities and others who desire the flexibility of an e-Learning program. Students in this program **must** be self-directed learners, have access to high speed internet connections, and prepare for a 9-month intensive student teaching experience in their senior year. Students are assessed relative to national and state standards, including Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), standards, the Alaska Teacher Standards, the Alaska Student Content Standards, the Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools, and the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) Standards.

The degree requirements are interdisciplinary and provide breadth in the content areas necessary for successful teaching at an elementary level and depth in the opportunities to connect theory and practice in a variety of real classroom, school, and community contexts.

The main components of this program include:

1. subject area coursework in UAS General Education Requirements (GERs);
2. additional subject area coursework in those areas important for successful teaching at an K-8 level;
3. foundation courses in education with practical experiences in the schools; and
4. a capstone year-long experience where the professional education courses are integrated with field experiences and student teaching.

Program assessment plans and student learning outcomes are posted at the Program Assessment website (<https://uas.alaska.edu/provost/assessment.html>).

Admission Requirements

Applicants will be considered for initial admission into the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education program after completing admission requirements including an Interested Person Report.

Admission to Senior Year Student Teaching

In addition to the above admission requirements, all students entering the senior year are required to have successfully completed the following:

1. Minimum GPA of 3.00
2. Successful completion of all pre-senior year courses with grades of C 2.00 (not C-) or better
3. Praxis Core/CASE or CBEST exam scores meeting Alaska DEED cut scores and Praxis Subject Assessment Elementary Education 5018
4. Application for student teacher candidacy including education philosophy/theory essay, current resume, letter of introduction to

future host teacher and principal and letter of recommendation from someone other than an education professor speaking to the student's potential as a certified teacher

Exit Criteria

3.00 GPA, successful completion of all program courses with grades of C 2.00 (not C-) or better.

Students must complete the GERs as well as the specific program requirements as listed for a minimum of 120 credit hours. Courses in a degree program may be counted only once. Courses used to fulfill the major requirements cannot be used to fulfill the GERs. Specific recommendations for the GERs in Elementary Education are listed below. Degree must include 48 credit hours of upper-division (300 or above) courses, 24 of which must be completed at UAS.

Requirement	Hours
Minimum Credit Hours	120
General Education Requirements	42-48
Breadth Requirements	23
Major Requirements	55

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
<i>Written Communication Skills</i>		
WRTG S111	Writing Across Contexts	3
WRTG S211	Writing and the Humanities	3
<i>Oral Communication Skills</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
COMM S111	Fundamentals of Oral Communication ¹	
COMM S235	Small Group Communication and Team Building ¹	
COMM S237	Interpersonal Communication ¹	
COMM S241	Public Speaking ¹	
<i>Computational Skills</i>		
MATH S151 or STAT S107	College Algebra for Calculus Survey of Statistics	4
<i>Humanities</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
ART S160	Art Appreciation	
MUS S123	Music Appreciation	
THR S111	Theatre Appreciation	
Select one of the following:		3
HIST S105	World History I	
HIST S106	World History II	
<i>Social Science</i>		
GEOG S101	Local Places, Global Regions: Introduction to Geography	3
PS S101	Introduction to American Government	3
PSY S101	Introduction to Psychology	3
<i>Science</i>		
Select either:		4-8
BIOL S103	Biology and Society	

or BIOL S105 & BIOL S106	Fundamentals of Biology I and Fundamentals of Biology II	
Select one Physical Science and one Earth/Space Science course:		7-8
<i>Physical Sciences</i>		
PHYS S102	Survey of Physics ²	
CHEM S103	Introduction to General Chemistry	
<i>Earth/Space Sciences</i>		
ASTR S225	General Astronomy	
ENVS S102	Earth and Environment	
GEOL S104	Physical Geology	
GEOL S105	Geological History of Life	
Breadth Requirements³		
<i>Computational Skills</i>		
MATH S211	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I	3
MATH S212	Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II	3
<i>Humanities</i>		
PE S100	Health and Fitness	1
PE Elective		1
Advisor approved English writing or literature course		3
HIST S131	History of the U.S. I	3
or HIST S132	History of the U.S. II	
<i>Social Science</i>		
PSY S245	Child Development	3
or PSY S250	Lifespan Development	
Select one of the following:		3
ALST S300	Alaska Studies	
ANTH S200	Alaska Native Cultures	
ANTH S475	Alaska Native Social Change	
HIST S341	History of Alaska	
Advisor approved elective ⁴		
<i>Other Skills</i>		
Advisor approved elective		3
Major Requirements		
ED S222	Orientation to the Teaching Profession	3
ED S230	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
ED S302	Foundations of Literacy and Language Development	3
ED S320A	Art in the K-8 Curriculum	1
ED S320B	Physical Education in the K-8 Curriculum	1
ED S320C	Music in the K-8 Curriculum	1
ED S320D	Drama in the K-8 Curriculum	1
ED S320E	Health in the K-8 Curriculum	1
ED S333	The Learner and the Learning Process	3
ED S380	Multicultural Education	3
EDSE S482	Inclusive Education for Students with Disabilities	3

ED S405	Children's Literature in the Alaska Context	3
or ENGL S305	Children's Literature	
<i>Senior Year Requirements⁵</i>		
ED S416	Teaching Literacy in the K-8 Curriculum	4
ED S417	Teaching Social Studies in the K-8 Curriculum	2
ED S427	Teaching Math in the K-8 Curriculum	3
ED S428	Teaching Science in the K-8 Curriculum	2
ED S448	Classroom Management in K-8 Classrooms	3
ED S452	Student Teaching	7
ED S460	Integrated Curriculum and Instruction	3
ED S494A	(Applications of Teaching: Field Work)	3
ED S498	Professional Portfolio Preparation	2
Total Credits		120

¹ Grade C 2.00 or better

² MATH S151 or equivalent is prerequisite for PHYS S102

³ This area is designed to provide breadth necessary for elementary classroom teaching and depth necessary to respond to NCATE Standards and Alaska Student Content Standards.

⁴ Must be Alaska Department of Education approved course for Alaska Studies.

⁵ All course work, other criteria listed above and Praxis Core/Case and Praxis Subject Assessment Elementary Education must be successfully completed prior to the start of the senior year.