

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-8 GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

## e-Learning

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The teacher certification program in Elementary Education is a graduate certificate that leads to recommendation for an elementary K-8 Initial Teacher Certificate. The program is offered by e-Learning only and is available to students in urban and rural areas throughout Alaska. On-site cohorts may also be formed as demand warrants. Students in the program must be self-directed learners, must have access to high speed Internet connections, and must schedule time during the school year to complete weekly intensive practicum assignments and a semester of student teaching in an elementary or middle school. Certification students must receive the approval of the local school district, as extensive practicum experiences are required.

Courses are delivered via audio and online. Students must have access to high speed internet, a speakerphone, a digital camera, a digital video camera, and a scanner.

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## Application Requirements

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree with a general education background from an accredited institution. The program advisor will examine transcripts to determine if the applicant has sufficient background in writing, mathematics, social science, physical and life science, child development, the arts, physical education, and health. Applicants who lack sufficient background in one or more of these areas can expect to take additional coursework.

Admission to the K-8 Graduate Certificate program requires the following:

1. A completed graduate application and \$60 nonrefundable application fee.
2. An official transcript indicating baccalaureate degree and a GPA of 3.00.
3. Two recommendations addressing professional dispositions for the Elementary program on specific forms provided by the School of Education.
4. A writing sample consisting of two pieces: (a) Statement of professional objectives and (b) An impromptu writing sample (prompt provided by School of Education).
5. Information Release Waiver Statement.
6. Documentation of successful work with children and early classroom experience.
7. Passing Praxis CASE/Core exam scores must be sent to UAS. (Students taking the Praxis outside of Alaska must also have

the scores sent to the Alaskan Department of Education & Early Development directly from Education Testing Services (ETS), using code **7027**.)

8. Content competency in writing, mathematics, social science, physical and life sciences, child development, the arts, physical education, and health are assessed at admission. Candidates may need to take extra undergraduate level coursework if deficient in any area.
9. Applicants may also be interviewed.
10. Student Information Sheet

Additional information and links to forms at: <https://www.uas.alaska.edu/education/programs/elementary-education.html>.

## Praxis II Exam

To successfully graduate from the program, students must pass the Praxis II Elementary Content exam at state approved levels.

For student teaching, the department may limit registration, determine assignments, and prescribe the number of teaching hours required. Six successful credits of student teaching are required. The Program Coordinator reserves the right to require an additional 3-6 credit hours of student teaching for students who fail to meet the standard.

Requirement	Hours
<b>Minimum Credit Hours</b>	<b>33</b>
Foundational Courses	12
Major Requirements	33

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Foundational Courses</b>		
ED S230	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
ED S320B	Physical Education in the K-8 Curriculum	1
ED S320E	Health in the K-8 Curriculum	1
ED S333	The Learner and the Learning Process	3
EDSE S482	Inclusive Education for Students with Disabilities	3
Select one of the following:		1
ED S320A	Art in the K-8 Curriculum	
ED S320C	Music in the K-8 Curriculum	
ED S320D	Drama in the K-8 Curriculum	
<b>Major Requirements <sup>1</sup></b>		
ALST S603	Alaska Literature for Young People	3
ECE S661	Literacy and Young Children	3
ED S615	Literacy in the Intermediate and Middle School Grades	3
ED S616	Math Methods in the K-8 Classroom	3
ED S617	Science Methods in the K-8 Classroom	3
ED S618	Social Studies in the K-8 Classroom	3

ED S619	Classroom Management and Discipline	3
ED S620	Curriculum Development	3
ED S680	Perspectives in Multicultural Education	3
ED S688	Student Teaching	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>45</b>

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**Recommendation for certification will be granted upon successful completion of the above coursework.**

Students are encouraged to complete the remaining coursework required for the M.A.T. degree during their initial years as classroom teachers. For more information, see the MAT Elementary (<http://catalog.uas.alaska.edu/certificate-degree-programs/graduate-studies/elementary-ed-mat/>).