Educator: Para-Professional

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Certificate; A.A.S. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Certificate: 30 credits; for A.A.S. Degree: 60 credits

The educator: para-professional (EDPA) program is designed to prepare students to work in classrooms assisting the classroom teacher. The EDPA curriculum emphasizes school protocols, classroom methods, management and assessment. This program prepares students for employment as a para-professional educator and will improve the skills of those currently employed in various educational settings.

The certificate provides students with fundamental knowledge of how a school system 'works' as well as hands-on training in content, methodology, classroom management and student assessment. The curriculum leads into the educator: para-professional associate of applied science degree. Graduates of the A.A.S. degree program may pursue many opportunities with school districts and local education agencies. The program meets mandates established by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002 for teacher aides as well as the competencies developed by the state of Alaska. Students entering either the certificate or the A.A.S. degree program must meet with a program advisor to discuss a program of studies and to develop an individual learning plan. Students may receive credit for prior learning for prior work-based experience after evaluation of their learning experiences.

Certificate Program

- 1. Complete the general university requirements (page 76).
- 2. Complete the certificate requirements (page 77).

Major-A.A.S. Degree

- 1. Complete the general university requirements (page 76).
- 2. Complete the A.A.S. degree requirements (page 79).

3.	Complete the following program requirements:*
	CIOS 100—Intro to Personal Computers
	PSY 101—Intro to Psychology
	ED 110—Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century
	EDPA 110—Intro to Para-Professional Education
	EDPA 120—Classroom Management
	EDPA 130—Differentiating Instruction
	EDPA 140—Developing Children as Writers
	EDPA 150—Developing Children as Readers
	EDPA 160—Primary Math Methods (1)
	or EDPA 170—Upper Elementary Math Methods (1)1
	EDPA 190—Integrating Local Knowledge into the Curriculum1
	EDPA 199—Practicum I
	EDPA 210—Technology in the Classroom
	EDPA 250—Current Topics for Educators (1)
	or EDPA 299—Practicum II (1)1
	ECE/PSY 245—Child Development

4. Complete 12 credits from one of the following concentration areas or combine no more than 2 concentration areas with 6 credits of course work in each of the two concentration areas*:

Alaska Native Languages

ANL 199—Practicum in Native Language Education	3
ANL 251—Introduction to Athabascan Linguistics	3
ANL 255—Introduction to Alaska Native Languages:	
Eskimo-Aleut (3)	
or ANL 256—Introduction to Alaska Native Languages:	
Indian Languages (3)	3
ANL 287—Teaching Methods of Alaska Native Languages	3
ANL 288—Curriculum & Materials Development for ANL	3

ANL Elective......3

Elementary Education

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ED 102—Orientation to Alaska Native Education	2
ED 201—Introduction to Education	3
ED Elective	3
Special Education	
ED 201—Introduction to Education	2
ECE 230—Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
ECE 240—Inclusion of Children with Special Needs	3

Counseling/Social Work

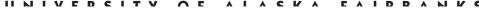
Counseling/Social Work			
HSV 120—Cultural Diversity in Human Services	3		
HSV 125—Introduction to the Addictive Process	3		
HSV 205—Basic Principles of Group Counseling	3		
HSV Elective	3		

ECE Elective......3

Early Childhood Education

ECE 105—Developing Appropriate Practice
ECE 120—Curriculum and Activities for Young Children4
or
ECE 121—Physical Activities for Young Children1
ECE 122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children
ECE 123—Communicative Activities
ECE 124—Creative Activities for Young Children





ECE 140—Positive Social Development
or
ECE 141—Class Management
ECE 142—Social Development of the Young Child
ECE 143—Developing Positive Self-Concepts in Young Children . I
ECE 210—Child Development and Guidance
ECE 235—Screening, Assessment and Recording
ECE Elective
Information Technology Specialist
CIOS 150—Computer Business Applications1-3
CIOS 110—Microcomputer Operating Systems1-3
CIOS 146—Using the Internet
CIOS 233—Desktop Publishing1-3
CIOS 255—Microcomputer Graphics1-3
CIOS Elective
Rural Development
ANTH 230—The Oral Tradition: Folklore and Oral History
HIST 250—Alaska History for Local Historians
RD 255—Rural Alaska Land Issues
RD 256—Co-Management of Renewable Resources (3)
or RD 265—Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska (3)
or RD 280—Resource Management Research Techniques (3)
or WLF 201—Wildlife Management Principles (3)
Elective
or
Any advisor approved discipline-based concentration area12
5. Minimum credits required60
* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

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