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 through work-based experience after evaluation of their learning experiences.

Certificate Program

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 80).

2. Complete the certificate requirements (page 82).

3. Complete the following core requirements:
   CIOS 100—Intro to Personal Computers 1
   ED 110—Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century.........................1
   PSY 101—Intro to Psychology 3
   EDPA 190—Integrating Local Knowledge into the Curriculum.....1
   EDPA 199—Practicum 1
   EDPA 210—Technology in the Classroom....................................1
   ECE/PSY 245—Child Development...3

4. Complete the following program requirements:
   EDPA 110—Intro to Para-Professional Education 2
   EDPA 120—Classroom Management...2
   EDPA 130—Differentiating Instruction 2
   EDPA 140—Developing Children as Writers.................................1
   EDPA 150—Developing Children as Readers 1
   EDPA 160—Primary Math Methods (1)
       or EDPA 170—Upper Elementary Math Methods (1)...............1
   EDPA 250—Current Topics for Educators (1)
       or EDPA 299—Practicum II (1)...1

5. Minimum credits required..30

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 80).

2. Complete the A.A.S. degree requirements (page 84).

3. Complete the following program requirements:*
   CIOS 100—Intro to Personal Computers 1
   PSY 101—Intro to Psychology 3
   ED 110—Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century.........................1
   EDPA 110—Intro to Para-Professional Education 2
   EDPA 120—Classroom Management...2
   EDPA 130—Differentiating Instruction 2
   EDPA 140—Developing Children as Writers.................................1
   EDPA 150—Developing Children as Readers 1
   EDPA 160—Primary Math Methods (1)
       or EDPA 170—Upper Elementary Math Methods (1)..............1
   EDPA 190—Integrating Local Knowledge into the Curriculum.....1
   EDPA 199—Practicum I...1
   EDPA 210—Technology in the Classroom....................................1
   EDPA 250—Current Topics for Educators (1)
       or EDPA 299—Practicum II (1)...1
   ECE/PSY 245—Child Development...3

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
   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
   ECE Elective...3

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

   Early Childhood Education
   ECE 105—Developing Appropriate Practice 1
   ECE 120—Curriculum and Activities for Young Children.............4
   or
   ECE 121—Physical Activities for Young Children..........................1
   ECE 122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children 1
   ECE 123—Communicative Activities 1
   ECE 124—Creative Activities for Young Children.........................1
   ECE 130—Culture, Learning and the Young Child 1
   ECE 140—Positive Social Development 3
   or
   ECE 141—Class Management...1
   ECE 142—Social Development of the Young Child........................1
   ECE 143—Developing Positive Self-Concepts in
       Young Children 1
   ECE 210—Child Development and Guidance................................3
   ECE 235—Screening, Assessment and Recording 2
   ECE Elective...3

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Information Technology Specialist

Rural Development

5. Minimum credits required 60

* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.

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