The University of Alaska Fairbanks complies fully with the institutional reporting requirements mandated in Title II of the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998. Please contact the School of Education for a copy of the report.

The School of Education prepares students from across Alaska, as well as from other states and nations, to work in urban and rural Alaska and to work with multicultural and minority — especially Alaska Native — students. To fulfill our commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for the state’s rural and Native populations, faculty actively and knowledgeably utilize educational technology to deliver all School of Education programs to students in most areas of the state.

The School of Education offers bachelor’s degrees in arts and sciences and elementary education; and postbaccalaureate programs in elementary education, secondary education, counseling, curriculum and instruction, and special education.

The School of Education is approved by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to recommend its students for Alaska licensure as elementary and secondary teachers, school counselors and special education teachers. Courses are available on-site and by distance delivery through the Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay, Interior-Aleutians, Chukchi, and Northwest campuses, as well as on the Fairbanks campus. Faculty research in cross-cultural studies, curriculum and instruction, language and literacy, and small rural schools supports the mission of the School of Education.

Priority for enrollment in field-based courses is given to rural students formally admitted to degree and licensure programs. All inquiries should be addressed to one of the rural campuses or to the School of Education’s Certification and Advising Office.

Candidates for elementary and secondary liaucers are required to have use of a laptop computer: elementary, before enrolling in ED F339 and F344; secondary, before the fall semester. Computers may be of any type but must have capacities that enable candidates to meet School of Education requirements. Laptop requirements and purchase information can be viewed by accessing the “Technology Requirement” link at the website of the School of Education, www.uaf.edu/educ. If you have questions about how a laptop purchase will fit in with your current financial aid package, please contact the UAF Financial Aid Office.

Licensure Information

UAF education programs are approved by the Alaska State Board of Education and accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. For information about these programs, contact one of the UAF School of Education academic advisors.

Certification is awarded by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development in Juneau. Therefore, students must meet all requirements specified by the University at the time of their application for the teaching certificate. In addition to completing an approved teacher training program, the State of Alaska requires that all initial applicants provide evidence of passing scores on one of various state identified skills tests; the UAF School of Education requires Praxis I for this purpose. For additional information, see the Alaska State Department of Education and Early Development website.
Students must submit the following information to the School of Education by Feb. 1:

1. Copies of transcripts from all institutions attended. Evidence of plan of completion of all BA degree in elementary education degree courses by August 1st (except for those required in the Professional Internship Year), with a minimum of a 2.75 overall GPA, a 2.0 in each major academic area, and a C or better in the UAF Core communication courses and in all required education and math courses. Students with less than a 2.75 overall GPA may be considered for conditional admission in special circumstances.

2. Alaska Passing scores from the Praxis I exams in reading, writing and math, and Praxis II exam (test 0014 or 5014).

3. Two letters of reference that address qualifications and potential as a teacher.

4. A current and complete resume/curriculum vitae.

5. Two one-page essays on topics determined by the School of Education.

6. Completed Elementary Teacher Education Academic Analysis and Life/Work Form to provide information on breadth and depth of prior course work and/or documented life experiences relative to ten Alaska Student Content Standard areas.

7. A one-to-two-page autobiographical sketch (appropriate for presenting to prospective principals and mentor teachers).

8. Extemporaneous writing sample. Contact the School of Education advising office for date, time and location information.


10. Evidence of ability to work collaboratively and respectfully in cross-cultural contexts.

11. Completed Alaska Student Teacher Authorization Packet (including fingerprint cards and criminal background check. Forms are available from the School of Education).

12. Complete an interview, when requested.

13. Some school districts may require interns to pass a general physical exam and require additional shot records.

Note: Students are admitted for a specific academic year and must reapply if they do not enroll in the year in which they were reviewed.

Major—BA Degree (Elementary)

1. Complete the general university requirements. (See page 129. As part of the core curriculum requirements, complete the following with a C or higher: ANTH/SOC F100X, HIST F100X, ECON/PSY F100X, MATH F107X or MATH F161X, ART/MUS/THR F200X, BIOL F100X or BIOL F104X, CHEM F100X or PHYS F115X**. Students who choose the language option to meet core perspectives on the human condition requirements can submit their language credits only for the ENGL/FL F200X and the core ethics requirements.)*

2. Complete the following BA degree and program (major) requirements earning a C or higher:* a. Complete the following mathematics requirements:* MATH F205—Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I .................................................................3 MATH F206—Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers II .................................................3 b. Complete one of the following:* GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth ..................................................4 GEOS F210X—Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes: Past, Present and Future ................................4 c. Complete the following social sciences requirements:* ANTH F242—Native Cultures of Alaska ........................................3 ED/PSY F245—Child Development ...............................................3 GEOG F101—Expedition Earth: Introduction to Geography ................3 HIST F131—History of the U.S. ....................................................3 HIST F461W—History of Alaska (3) or HIST F115—Alaska, Land and Its People (3) ..................3 d. Complete the following humanities requirements:* i. ENGL F271—Introduction to Creative Writing — Fiction (3) or ENGL F272—Introduction to Creative Writing — Poetry (3) or ENGL F273—Introduction to Creative Writing — Non-Fiction (3) or ENGL F314W/O2—Technical Writing (3) or JRN F311W—Magazine Article Writing (3) ........3 ii. ED F485O/2—Media Literacy ....................................................3 ED/LING F100-Language, Linguistics and Education (3) or LING F101—Nature of Language (3) ..........3 e. ED F329—Teaching with Technology* .......................................3 f. Complete the following education requirements:* ED F110—Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century .........................1 ED F201—Introduction to Education ..........................................3 ED F204—Literature for Children ................................................3 EDSE F316—Introduction to Special Education for Elementary Classroom Teachers ..................3 EDSE F320—Adapting and Accommodating Instruction for Students with Disabilities..................3 ED F330—Assessment of Learning .............................................3 ED F350—Communication in Cross-Cultural Classrooms (3) or ED/ANS F420—Alaska Native Education (3) or ED/ANS F461—Native Ways of Knowing (3) ..........3 ED F344W—Foundations of Literacy Development .................3 g. Complete the following professional internship year with integrated course work (first semester):* ED F411—Reading, Writing, Language Arts: Methods and Curriculum Development .........................3 ED F412W—Integrated Social Studies and Language Arts: Methods and Curriculum Development .................3 ED F466—Internship and Collaborative Student Teaching ...............3 ED F467—Synthesizing the Standards I ........................................2 ED F478—Math Methods and Curriculum Development .............3 ED F479—Science Methods and Curriculum Development ........3 h. Complete the following professional internship year with integrated course work (second semester):* ED F414—Art, Music and Drama in Elementary Classrooms ........3 ED F417—Physical and Health Education for Elementary Teachers .........................................................3 ED F468O—Internship and Student Teaching ..........................4 ED F469—Synthesizing the Standards II ....................................2 ED F476—Assessment of Literacy Development .........................1 3. Minimum credits required ..................................................................128

* Students must earn a C grade or better in all required courses.
BA Degree, Secondary Education (8-12)
The requirements for a secondary school teaching certificate include completion of both a teaching major in an academic subject area appropriate to the secondary school and the professional education sequence. The degree is awarded as a BA with a double major. Upon declaration of a major in secondary education, students are assigned an advisor in the Education Department to plan the completion of the teaching major and the education sequence of courses.

The teaching major must be in an academic subject area approved for a State of Alaska secondary school teaching certificate and available as a BA degree: art, biology, chemistry, Earth science, economics, English, French, German, history, mathematics, political science or Spanish.

Transition/Admission Requirements
Declaring a BA major in secondary education does not guarantee admission to the professional internship year. Internships begin in August or September on the date when teachers return to school (this varies across districts). Since internship placements are arranged with principals and mentor teachers in the spring, all materials necessary for determining admission to the School of Education must be submitted by Feb. 1. Faculty in the School of Education consider multiple criteria in making valid and reliable judgments about each applicant’s knowledge, skills, and professional characteristics prior to approval for the year-long internship in a classroom with secondary children.

Students must submit the following information to the School of Education by March 1:

1. Copies of transcripts from all institutions attended. Evidence of plan of completion of all BA degree in secondary education degree courses by August 1st (except for those required in the Professional Internship Year), with a minimum of a 2.75 overall GPA.
2. Three current letters of reference that address qualifications and potential as a teacher.
3. A personal statement of 500–800 words addressing motivation to enter the teaching profession, self-assessed qualifications to teach, experiences which have prepared candidate for teaching.
4. Alaska Passing scores from the Praxis I exams in reading, writing and math.
5. Alaska Passing scores from the Praxis II in the relevant content knowledge Praxis II Subject test for each content area the applicant expects to teach. Applicants applying to teach a World Language are required to submit Praxis II scores in the target language AND are required to submit scores for the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Proficiency Test; Applicants must meet the Advanced Low rating for both tests.
6. Extemporaneous writing sample. Contact the School of Education advising office for date, time and location information.
7. All applicants will be required to interview with secondary faculty as part of the admission process.

Major — BA Degree (Secondary)

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 129).
2. Complete the following BA degree and program (major) requirements earning a C or higher:* a. Complete the following education requirements:* EDSC F110—Becoming a Middle School/High School Teacher ..........1 b. Complete the following professional internship year with integrated course work:* EDSC F402—Methods of Teaching in the Secondary School........3 EDSC F432—English/Language Arts Secondary Instruction and Assessment** (3) or EDSC F433—Mathematics Secondary Instruction and Assessment** (3) or EDSC F434—Science Secondary Instruction and Assessment** (3) or EDSC F435—Social Studies Secondary Instruction and Assessment** (3) or EDSC F436—Art Secondary Instruction and Assessment** (3) or EDSC F437—World Language Secondary Instruction and Assessment** (3) .................................................................3-9 EDSC F442—Technology Applications in Education I .....................1 EDSC F443—Technology Applications in Education II ...................2 EDSC F457—Multicultural Education and School-Community Relations ...................................................................................4 EDSC F471—Secondary Teaching: School Internship I and Seminar .................................................................3 EDSC F472—Secondary Teaching: School Internship II and Seminar ......................................................................................3-9 3. Complete requirements for a major in content area: art, biology, chemistry, Earth science, economics, English, French, German, history, mathematics, political science or Spanish.
4. Minimum credits required ................................................................121 * Students must earn a C grade or better in all required courses.
** Candidates must take the section or course that corresponds with their major teaching content area.

Minor

General
The General Education minor is designed for any student interested in education issues who does not intend to pursue a license in elementary or secondary education.

1. Complete the following with a C grade or higher:* ED F110—Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century.............................1 ED F201—Introduction to Education ...........................................3 ED F350—Communication in Cross-Cultural Classrooms (3) or ANS/ED F420—Alaska Native Education (3) ........3 PSY F240—Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3) or ED/PSY F245—Child Development (3) ........3 Approved education electives** ..................................................6 2. Minimum credits required ...............................................................16 * Practicum may be required in each education course.
** Contact the School of Education’s Certification and Advising Office for a list of approved elective courses.

Elementary*
The elementary education minor is designed for students who intend to pursue a license in elementary education. Students who complete ED F110, F201, F330, F344 and EDSE F316 with grades of C or better will be allowed to substitute this sequence for ED F624, F625 and F626 in the postbaccalaureate elementary licensure program available on the UAF campus.

1. Complete the following with a C grade or higher:* ED F110—Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century.............................1 ED F201—Introduction to Education ...........................................3 ED F204—Literature for Children ..................................................3 EDSE F316—Introduction to Special Education for Elementary Classroom Teachers ..................................................3 ED F330—Assessment of Learning .............................................3 ED F344—Foundations of Literacy Development .........................3 ED F350—Communication in Cross-Cultural Classrooms (3) or ANS/ED F420—Alaska Native Education (3) ........3 2. Minimum credits required ...............................................................19 * Practicum may be required in each education course.
including, but not limited to, word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation software.

Candidates are expected to be proficient in Windows Office software and complete the secondary postbaccalaureate licensure program over a period of 24 months.

Admissions Process and Requirements
Admission to the secondary postbaccalaureate licensure program includes meeting requirements of the UAF undergraduate admission process and of the School of Education. Students take their courses at the 400 level and will NOT be able to apply these courses towards a master of education degree.

Submit the following information to the UAF Office of Admissions:
1. UAF undergraduate application and application fee.
2. Official transcript of bachelor’s degree from accredited institution, minimum GPA of 2.75. Applicants who have attended more than one university should include transcripts from all universities.

Submit the following information to the School of Education:
1. A personal statement of 500–800 words explaining your motivation for becoming a teacher. Describe how your academic qualifications and work experiences have prepared you for a career in teaching. Elaborate on your personal strengths, including your ability to work collaboratively with others. Describe your experiences with adolescents in instructional and supervisory capacities. Explain why you believe you can help young people of all cultures be successful in school.
2. A vitae/resume.
3. Three current letters of reference that address qualifications and potential as a teacher.
4. Extemporaneous writing sample. Contact the School of Education Advising Office for date, time and location information.
5. Alaska Passing scores from the Praxis I exam in reading, writing and mathematics.
6. Academic Content Testing
   a. Content Area Exams: Candidates must submit a score report from the relevant content knowledge Praxis II Subject test for each content area that the applicant expects to teach. The scores must meet the score set by the State of Alaska (www.eed.state.ak.us/TeacherCertification/pdf/Content_Area_Exams.pdf). World language applicants should contact the School of Education for additional information prior to taking any Praxis II tests for their world language content area. In addition, world language applicants must complete the world language exams.
   b. World language exams: Applicants applying to teach a world language are required to submit Praxis II scores in the target language AND are required to submit scores for the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPic) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT). Applicants must meet the Advanced Low rating for both tests (www.languagetesting.com).
   In the target language, write a 2–3 page, well-organized, coherent response to one of three prompts (contact School of Education Secondary Program for additional information).
7. Demonstrated evidence of content competency in one of the UAF-approved secondary endorsement areas (www.uaf.edu/educ/secondary/endorsement_areas/).
   a. The applicant holds a degree in an approved UAF secondary endorsement area or;
   b. Those applicants who do not hold a degree in the academic content area that they expect to teach, must have documentation of content competency reviewed by a Secondary Program faculty review team prior to application to program. Additional course work may be required to enter the program.
8. Initial Content Preparation complete checklist of each content area you expect to teach (www.uaf.edu/educ/secondary/admissions/).
9. Applicants must submit a placement packet. Contact the School of Education for specific guidelines. The School of Education determines placement approval, change or termination.
10. All applicants will be required to interview with secondary faculty as part of the admission process.
Application Review Process
Applications are due March 1 (summer or fall admissions) and Oct. 15 (spring admissions), and are reviewed thereafter for admission. A candidate may be admitted, not admitted, or admitted with stipulations. Stipulations are specified when additional development in a particular area(s) is needed before beginning a secondary postbaccalaureate program.

The UAF School of Education coordinates with appropriate academic departments the review and evaluation of the candidate’s qualifications, professional experiences and academic performance based on the content of his/her application. The secondary postbaccalaureate program is a selective teacher education program. A comprehensive system including multiple measures is used to assess personal characteristics, communication skills and basic skills of candidates preparing to teach. Multiple assessment measures include a review of transcripts, content area strengths and/or Praxis II scores, personal statement and/or writing proficiency exams, Praxis I scores and letters of reference. A personal interview will be required as part of the admission process.

Upon Acceptance to the Program
The School of Education has a systematic procedure for monitoring the progress of education students from admission through completion of their professional education program to determine if they should continue the program, be advanced to the secondary teaching internship and eventually be recommended for a teaching license. In assessing candidate progress in knowledge, skills and disposition, faculty will review grades, observations, faculty recommendations, demonstrated academic competence and recommendations from the appropriate professionals in the schools. Systematic approaches are used to assist education candidates who are making unsatisfactory progress in their programs, but still maintain potential for successful completion.

Following are specific criteria for entry to the secondary teaching internship:

- successful completion of summer program courses;
- approval of faculty to enter the Secondary Education Internship;
- some school districts may require candidates to pass a general physical exam and require additional shot records; and
- State of Alaska Certificate of Authorization, fingerprint cards and money order in the amount of $60 payable to the School of Education by June 1 (this fee is non-refundable once submitted to the state). The UAF School of Education provides these materials, which will then be submitted to the State of Alaska for a criminal background check. Fees are subject to change.

Professional Field Experiences
The Secondary Postbaccalaureate Licensure Program includes a comprehensive internship experience in an educational setting. Internship placements are arranged and supervised by university faculty in partnership with the principal and staff from the public school. University course work and classroom practice are closely linked and communication about performance in both the course work and classroom practice is shared among the partners. Internships follow the K–12 school year calendar and not the university academic year calendar.

Performance in the internship must meet stated competencies and individual outcomes. Performance evaluations determine the candidate’s progress toward meeting the State of Alaska Standards for Alaska’s Teacher and the International Society for Technology in Education’s National Education Technology Standards and Performance Indicators for All Teachers and performance guidelines of Specialty Performance Organizations.

It is expected that candidates will demonstrate appropriate professional characteristics with respect to their actions, attitudes and performance. Teacher candidates are required to adhere to the characteristics of professionalism as published in the Secondary Postbaccalaureate Licensure Handbook, and to abide by the State of Alaska Code of Ethics of the Education Profession. Unacceptable academic performance, an unprofessional attitude, unsatisfactory field reports, violation of professional ethics, or other factors may result in removal from the field experience and denial of the Institutional Recommendation for teacher certification.

Internship placements are made in partnership with participating school districts, which may request additional information and/or preparation from candidates according to the district’s established policies and practices. Because cooperating districts also determine the number of placements available for candidates, placement may become competitive if the number of applicants exceeds the number of spaces. Districts also reserve the right to refuse or terminate placements when candidates do not meet a minimum standard of performance. Thus, while the University will make every effort to identify appropriate field experiences, admission to the Secondary Postbaccalaureate Licensure program does not guarantee an internship placement.

Program Requirements

1. Complete the following for secondary licensure:
   - EDSC  F402—Methods of Teaching in the Secondary School ..................3
   - EDSC  F407—Reading Strategies for Secondary Teachers ..................3
   - EDSC  F414—Learning, Development and Special Needs Instruction (3)
   - or EDSE F422/622—Curriculum and Strategies II: High Incidence (3)
   - or EDSE F482—Inclusive Classrooms for All Children .......................3
   - EDSC  F415—Foundations of Modern Educational Practices (3)
   - or EDSC  F205—Introduction to Secondary Education (3) .................3
   - EDSC  F431—Secondary Instruction and Assessment in the Content Area (3)*
   - or EDSC  F432—English/Language Arts Secondary Instruction and Assessment (3)*
   - or EDSC  F433—Mathematics Secondary Instruction and Assessment (3)*
   - or EDSC  F434—Science Secondary Instruction and Assessment (3)*
   - or EDSC  F435—Social Studies Secondary Instruction and Assessment (3)*
   - or EDSC  F436—Art Secondary Instruction and Assessment (3)
   - or EDSC  F437—World Language Secondary Instruction and Assessment (3) ..........................................................3*
   - EDSC  F442—Technology Applications in Education .......................1
   - EDSC  F443—Technology Applications in Education II .....................2
   - EDSC  F457—Multicultural Education and School-Community Relations .........................................................4
   - EDSC  F458—Classroom Organization and Management ..................3
   - EDSC  F471—Secondary Teaching: School Internship I and Seminar ...................... ..................................................3
   - EDSC  F472—Secondary Teaching: School Internship II and Seminar .......... ................................................................3–9

2. Minimum credits required .................................................................31–37

* Candidates must take the section or course that corresponds with their major teaching content areas.
K–12 Art Licensure Program
Offered on the Fairbanks campus only, this is an intensive, classroom-based K–12 art licensure program (34 credits) that prepares post-baccalaureate candidates for K–12 teaching positions. The program is specifically designed to prepare candidates to teach in multicultural settings in Alaska. The content will specifically identify and discuss current issues of art education and applying Alaska Content/Performance Standards and Frameworks as well as National Standards for Art Education.

At the end of the program, if students have successfully met all of the program requirements, they will be eligible to apply for an Alaska initial teaching license and will receive certificates of completion from UAF.

Candidates who enter the K–12 Art Licensure program are required to have use of/own a laptop computer before they begin their internships in the fall semester of their professional year.

For program options and professional field experiences information, please see information listed in the catalog (page 159) for the Secondary Postbaccalaureate Licensure program.

Admission Process and Requirements
Applicants will follow the admission process and requirements listed in the catalog (page 159) for the Secondary Postbaccalaureate Licensure Program, with the exception that applicants must have a bachelor’s degree in art from an accredited university or college. Applicants should be aware that additional content course work may be required, depending on content of degree. Additional course work, as determined by the appropriate departments, may mean a delay of program admission until requirements are fulfilled.

Program Requirements
1. Complete the following:
   - EDSC F415—Foundations of Modern Educational Practices (3)
     or EDSC F205—Introduction to Secondary Education (3) ........... 3
   - EDSC F414—Learning, Development and Special Needs Instruction (3)
     or EDSE F422—Curriculum Strategies II: High Incidence (3)
     or EDSE F482—Inclusive Classrooms for All Children (3) ........ 3
   - PSY F240—Lifespan Development (3)
     or (preferred) PSY F245—Child Development (3) ................... 3
   - EDSC F402—Methods of Teaching in the Secondary School .......... 3
   - EDSC F436—Secondary Art Instruction and Assessment ............ 3
   - ED F453/ART F459—Secondary Internship ............................. 3
   - EDSC F458—Classroom Organization and Management .......... 3
   - ED F449—Elementary Art Methods .................................... 3
   - ED F452/ART F458—Elementary Internship .......................... 3
   - EDSC F457—Multicultural Education and School-Community Relations ................................................................. 4
   - EDSC F442—Technology Applications in Education ............... 3

2. Minimum credits required .................................................. 34