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**PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)**

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**PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:**

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**A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

(Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

Require passing Praxis II, Elementary Education Content Knowledge (test 0014), with a score of 143 or greater before enrolling in the internship year.

**B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:**

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

1. Copies of transcripts from all institutions attended.
2. Evidence of plan of completion of all B.A. 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.
3. Alaska Passing scores from the Praxis I exams in reading, writing and math.
4. Score from Praxis II exam (test 0014). Achieving Alaska passing score is not required.
5. Two letters of reference that address qualifications and potential as a teacher.
6. A current and complete resume/curriculum vitae.
7. Two one-page essays on topics determined by the School of Education.
8. Completed Elementary Teacher Education Academic Analysis and Life Experiences/Form and the Life Experiences 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.
9. A one-to-two-page autobiographical sketch (appropriate for presenting to prospective principals and mentor teachers).
10. Extemporaneous writing sample. Contact the School of Education advising office for date, time and location information.
11. Evidence of successful experiences in teaching and learning situations.
12. Evidence of ability to work collaboratively and respectfully in cross-cultural contexts.
13. Completed Alaska Student Teacher Authorization Packet (including fingerprint cards and criminal background check. Forms are available from the School of Education).
14. Complete an interview, when requested.
15. 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.

C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:
(Underline new wording strike through old wording and use complete catalog format)

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

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3. Alaska Passing scores from both the Praxis I exams in reading, writing and math, and Praxis II exam (test 0014).
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5. Two letters of reference that address qualifications and potential as a teacher.
6. A current and complete resume/curriculum vitae.
7. Two one-page essays on topics determined by the School of Education.
8. Completed Elementary Teacher Education Academic Analysis and Life Experiences/Work Form and the Life Experiences 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.
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D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

No impact.
E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

Just the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE – ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

Three years ago we began requiring that all BA in Elementary Education applicants to the internship/ (i.e., senior) year take this test because it became a requirement for hiring in most schools in Alaska as a result of No Child Left Behind/NCLB. Since the State of Alaska does not require this test for initial licensure, we did not originally require that students receive a passing score as a prerequisite for beginning their senior year internship. The State of Alaska requires that all elementary teachers submit passing Praxis II scores with their application for a professional license.

We now have three years of test data and we have had only two students who did not pass the test when they took it for the first time. We feel that the test is a reasonable test and provides us with one more additional external assessment of our students’ content preparation. So, we will now require that students receive a passing score on the Praxis II Elementary Education Content Knowledge (test 0014) before they can begin their internship year.

APPROVALS:

[Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: Elementary Education] [Date 16/13/08]

[Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: Education] [Date 10/15/08]

[Signature, Dean, College/School of: Education] [Date 10/16/08]

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

[Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee] [Date]