Educator: Para-Professional

College of Rural and Community Development Interior-Aleutians Campus (907) 474-5439 www.uaf.edu/iac/

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

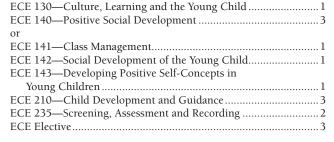
- 1. Complete the general university requirements (page 83).
- 2. Complete the certificate requirements (page 85).
- 3. Complete the following core requirements: EDPA 190—Integrating Local Knowledge into the Curriculum..... 1 ECE/PSY 245—Child Development......3 4. Complete the following program requirements: EDPA 140—Developing Children as Writers......1 EDPA 160—Primary Math Methods (1) or EDPA 170—Upper Elementary Math Methods (1)......1 EDPA 250—Current Topics for Educators (1) 5. Minimum credits required30

Major—A.A.S. Degree

- 1. Complete the general university requirements (page 83).
- 2. Complete the A.A.S. degree requirements (page 87).
 - Complete the following program requirements:* CIOS 100—Intro to Personal Computers1 EDPA 140—Developing Children as Writers......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 250—Current Topics for Educators (1) or EDPA 299—Practicum II (1)......1
- 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*:

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	
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			
E	Early Childhood Education			
	ECE 105—Developing Appropriate Practice			
	ECE 120—Curriculum and Activities for Young Children			
	or			
	ECE 121—Physical Activities for Young Children			
	ECE 122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children			
	ECE 123—Communicative Activities			
	ECE 124—Creative Activities for Young Children			
	ECE 130 Culture Learning and the Young Child			





Iı	nformation Technology Specialist
	CIOS 150—Computer Business Applications1–3
	CIOS 110—Microcomputer Operating Systems
	CIOS 146—Using Internet Tools ad Technologies1–3
	CIOS 233—Desktop Publishing1–3
	CIOS 255—Microcomputer Graphics
	CIOS Elective
R	ural Development
	ANTH 230—The Oral Tradition: Folklore and Oral History3
	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 area 12
5.	Minimum credits required60
	* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.