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 86).

2. Complete the certificate requirements (page 88).

3. Complete the following core requirements:
   CIOS F100—Intro to Personal Computers.................................1
   ED F110—Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century.................1
   PSY F101—Intro to Psychology 3
   EDPA F190—Integrating Local Knowledge into the
   Curriculum 1
   EDPA F199—Practicum 1
   EDPA F210—Technology in the Classroom 1
   ECE/PSY F245—Child Development 3

4. Complete the following program requirements:
   EDPA F110—Intro to Para-Professional Education 2
   EDPA F120—Classroom Management 2
   EDPA F130—Differentiating Instruction...................................2
   EDPA F140—Developing Children as Writers 1
   EDPA F150—Developing Children as Readers 1
   EDPA F160—Primary Math Methods (1)
       or EDPA F170—Upper Elementary Math Methods (1).........1
   EDPA F250—Current Topics for Educators (1)

5. Minimum credits required 30

Major — A.A.S. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 86).

2. Complete the A.A.S. degree requirements (page 90).

3. Complete the following program requirements:*
   CIOS F100—Intro to Personal Computers.................................1
   PSY F101—Intro to Psychology 3
   ED F110—Becoming a Teacher in the 21st Century.................1
   EDPA F110—Intro to Para-Professional Education 2
   EDPA F120—Classroom Management 2
   EDPA F130—Differentiating Instruction...................................2
   EDPA F140—Developing Children as Writers 1
   EDPA F150—Developing Children as Readers 1
   EDPA F160—Primary Math Methods (1)
       or EDPA F170—Upper Elementary Math Methods (1).........1
   EDPA F190—Integrating Local Knowledge into the
   Curriculum 1
   EDPA F210—Technology in the Classroom 1
   EDPA F250—Current Topics for Educators (1) 1
   EDPA F299—Practicum II (1)..1
   ECE/PSY F245—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 F199—Practicum in Native Language Education.............3
ANL F251—Introduction to Athabascan Linguistics 3
ANL F255—Introduction to Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut (3)
    or ANL F256—Introduction to Alaska Native Languages:
    Indian Languages (3) 3
ANL F287—Teaching Methods of Alaska Native Languages 3
ANL F288—Curriculum & Materials Development for ANL...3
ANL Elective 3

Elementary Education
ECE F105—Developmentally Appropriate Practice..................1
ED F102—Orientation to Alaska Native Education..................2
ED F201—Introduction to Education 3
ED Elective 6

Special Education
ED F201—Introduction to Education 2
ECE F105—Developmentally Appropriate Practice..................1
ECE F230—Introduction to Children with Special Needs........3
ECE F240—Inclusion of Children with Special Needs.............3
ECE Elective 3

Counseling/Social Work
HUMS F120—Cultural Diversity in Human Services 3
HUMS F125—Introduction to the Addictive Process 3
HUMS F205—Basic Principles of Group Counseling 3
HUMS Elective..3

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Early Childhood Education

ECE F105—Developing Appropriate Practice...........................1
ECE F120—Curriculum and Activities for Young Children 4
or
ECE F121—Physical Activities for Young Children..................1
ECE F122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children 1
ECE F123—Communicative Activities 1
ECE F124—Creative Activities for Young Children.................1
ECE F130—Culture, Learning and the Young Child 1
ECE F140—Positive Social Development 3
or
ECE F141—Class Management...1
ECE F142—Social Development of the Young Child...............1
ECE F143—Developing Positive Self-Concepts
in Young Children..1
ECE F210—Child Development and Guidance 3
ECE F235—Screening, Assessment and Recording..................2
ECE Elective 3

Information Technology Specialist

CIOS F150—Computer Business Applications ....1 – 3
CIOS F110—Microcomputer Operating Systems................1 – 3
CIOS F146—Using Internet Tools ad Technologies ....1 – 3
CIOS F233—Desktop Publishing..1 – 3
CIOS F255—Microcomputer Graphics ....1 – 3
CIOS Elective..1 – 3

Rural Development

ANTH F230—The Oral Tradition: Folklore and Oral History ..3
HIST F250—Alaska History for Local Historians.....................3
RD F255—Rural Alaska Land Issues...3
RD F256—Co-Management of Renewable Resources (3)
   or RD F265—Perspectives on Subsistence in Alaska (3)
   or RD F280—Resource Management Research
   Techniques (3)
   or WLF F201—Wildlife Management Principles (3) 3
Elective 3

Other Concentration

Any advisor-approved discipline-based concentration area 12

5. Minimum credits required...60
*   *Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.*