

CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE of the Bering Strait Region

NWC CAMPUS CREDENTIAL University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus

In partnership with Nome Public Schools, this campus credential is focused on strengthening cultural knowledge of the Bering Strait region to increase effectiveness in the classroom and regional workforce. Credentials provide students with achievable recognition for completing just a few courses. Once complete, this 6 credits of courses will equip local teachers and workers with a better understanding and appreciation for a variety of aspects of cultural knowledge specific to the state of Alaska and the Bering Strait region.

CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BERING STRAIT REGION REQUIRED COURSES:

3 of 6 total required credits

Course	Cr
ANL F121 / INU F115: Alaska Native Language	1
ED F593: History of Schooling in Alaska	1
ED F593: Current Topics for Educators	1

This set of courses is recognized as invaluable to increasing cultural knowledge of the Bering Strait Region, and each course is required to complete the campus credential.

CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE BERING STRAIT REGION ELECTIVE COURSES:

choose at least 3 additional credits

Course	Cr
ED F593: Math, Measurement, and Design in Alaska Native Traditions	1
ED F593: Bering Strait Plants and Animals	1
ED F593: Alaska Native Literature	1
ED F593: Alaska Literature in the K-12 Classroom	1
ANS F160: Alaska Native Dance	1

This set of courses gives an overview of different cultural aspects of the Bering Strait region. A total of 3 credits is required. Additional course offerings may be added as they are developed.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ED F593: Math, Measurement, and Design in Alaska Native Traditions (1 cr)

The use of mathematics in traditional design, construction, and artwork. Course includes overview of traditional clothing design and traditional tattoo practice.

ED F593: Bering Strait Plants and Animals (1 cr)

Introduction to plants and animals of the Bering Strait region. Focus on traditional harvest and hunting practices, food preparation, and traditional methods of preservation.

ED F593: Alaska Native Literature (1 cr)

A survey of literature about and by Alaskans. Includes highlights of local and regional writers and their work.

ED F593: History of Schooling in Alaska (1 cr)

History of schooling practices throughout Alaska. Emphasis on practices relevant to rural and western Alaska.

ED F593: Alaska Literature in the K-12 Classroom (1 cr)

Overview of K-12 literature from regional and Alaskan authors, appropriate for teachers of all grade levels.

ANL F121: Conversational Alaska Native Language (1 cr)

Introduction to speaking and understanding one of the Alaska Native languages. Focus on communication in everyday situations.

ANS F160: Alaska Native Dance (1 cr)

Traditional Native Alaskan dancing, singing and drumming of songs from regional dance groups taught by guest Native elders and dancers. If there is sufficient interest, a dance group will be assembled using class members.

ED F593: Current Topics for Educators (1 cr)

Focus on in-service training offered through school districts to update and train para-professionals and teachers on the use of district curriculum, policies, procedures, etc.

INU F115: Conversational Inupiaq (1 cr)

Introductory course for students who wish to acquire the ability to speak Inupiaq, the language of Norton Sound, the Seward Peninsula, Kotzebue Sound, the North Slope, and the arctic portions of Canada and Greenland. Students first learn to understand simple spoken language, then to speak simple Inupiaq, developing a beginning level of communicative competence in the language.

