The Early Childhood program blends theory and practice to prepare early childhood educators to deliver quality care and education for young children from birth through age eight years. Graduates of the baccalaureate program are eligible to apply for a teaching certificate that allows them to teach children in pre-kindergarten through third grade.

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**Graduate Certificate**

- Special Education

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**Career Connections**

- Education & Training
- Human Services
ENROLLMENT SERVICES (for all programs)
1. Apply for admission at www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions.
2. Review admission requirements for your student type.
3. Submit required documents to UAA Enrollment Services.
4. Take the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer test for English and math course placement. Call the UAA Advising & Testing Center at 907.786.4500 for testing information.
5. Make an appointment for academic advising at 907.786.4401 or call 907.786.1086.
6. Access the Future Student Checklist online at http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/prospective/checklist.cfm to stay on track.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC
BA applicants must also complete the following steps:
1. Complete a minimum of 45 foundation credits, including all GER courses for the degree, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75.
2. Complete a minimum of 18 lower-division Early Childhood major requirement credits.
3. Successfully complete the Praxis I exam and submit test scores.
4. Complete the application for admission to the Department of Teaching and Learning (obtained from the department).

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (CERT, AAS)
FOR CERTIFICATE
1. COMPLETE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (34 credits)
   - EDEC A105 Introduction to the Field of Early Childhood (3)
   - EDEC A106 Creativity and the Arts in Early Childhood (3)
   - EDEC A201 Early Childhood Practitioner Roles & Responsibilities (2)
   - EDEC A206 Integrated Curriculum for Young Children (3)
   - EDEC A210 Guiding Young Children (3)
   - EDEC A241 Infant and Toddler Development (3)
   - EDEC A242 Family and Community Partnerships (3)
   - EDEC A303 Young Children in Inclusive Settings (3)
   - DN A145 Child Nutrition (3)
   - EDSE A212/L Human Development and Learning with Lab or PSY A245/L Child Development with Lab (4)
   - EDEC A292 Early Childhood Seminar (1)
   - EDEC A295 Early Childhood Practicum (3)

A total of 34 credits is required for the certificate.

FOR ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
1. COMPLETE COMMUNICATION AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (15 credits)
   - Select courses from the General Course Requirements Classification List in the UAA Course Catalog.
     - Oral Communications (3)
     - Written Communications (6)
     - Quantitative Skills (Math 105 or higher) (3)
     - Humanities, Natural Sciences, or Social Sciences (3)

2. COMPLETE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (34 credits)
   Same as those required for the Certificate, listed at left.

3. COMPLETE ADVISOR APPROVED ELECTIVES (12 credits)
   - EDEC A100 Fundamentals of Early Childhood Practice is strongly recommended.

A total of 61 credits is required for the degree.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (BA)
1. COMPLETE FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS (53 credits)
   General Education Requirements must be met as part of the foundation requirements.

2. COMPLETE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (39 credits)
   - EDEC A105 Introduction to the Field of Early Childhood (3)
   - EDEC A106 Creativity and the Arts in Early Childhood (3)
   - EDEC A201 Early Childhood Practitioner Roles & Responsibilities (2)
   - EDEC A210 Guiding Young Children (3)
   - EDEC A241 Infant and Toddler Development (3)
   - EDEC A242 Family and Community Partnerships (3)
   - EDEC A301 Observation, Documentation: Understanding Young Children (4)
   - EDEC A303 Young Children in Inclusive Settings (3)
   - EDEC A308 Literature for Young Children (3)
   - EDFN A300 Philosophical & Social Context of American Education (3)
   - EDFN A301 Foundations of Literacy and Language Development (3)
   - EDFN A302 Foundations of Educational Technology (2)
   - EDFN A303 Foundations of Teaching and Learning (3)

3. COMPLETE ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES (6 credits)
   Choose from Liberal Studies core, Early Childhood, or advisor approved courses.

4. COMPLETE METHOD COURSES (14 credits)
   Concurrent enrollment in an internship may be required. Passing Praxis II scores and fingerprinting/criminal history background clearance required to participate in internships.
   - EDEC A403 Mathematics and Science in Early Childhood (3)
   - EDEC A404 Literacy for Young Children (3)
   - EDEL A431 Creative Expression: Music, Art, and Drama for Elementary Teachers (3)
   - EDEL A427 Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Schools (2)
   - EDEL A429 Teaching Health Education in Elementary Schools (2)
   - EDEL A432 Physical Education for Elementary Classroom Teachers (1)

5. COMPLETE INTERNSHIPS (11 credits)
   Satisfactory progress in the first internship is required for enrollment in the second internship.
   - EDEC A492 Senior Seminar in Early Childhood (2)
   - EDEC A495C Internship I, Primary (3)
   - EDEC A495D Internship II, Primary (3)

A total of 123 credits is required for this degree, of which 42 must be upper division.

Graduates of this program may apply for initial teacher certification (PreK – Third Grade). Seek advisement to obtain requirements for the institutional recommendation.

The programs within the University Honors College may satisfy some of the degree requirements while providing challenging opportunities to excel. To find out more, go to www.uaa.alaska.edu/honors or call 907.786.1086.