

**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE**  
**College of Education**

Department of Counseling & Special Education



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## ***INITIAL Special Education Certification Program Requirements***

Must have a Bachelor's Degree

UAA graduate application & admission (UAA Office of Enrollment Services)

Special Education Program application (CASE office)

GPA  $\geq$  2.75 (on 4.0 scale)

3 recommendation/teaching evaluation ~ at least one from a supervisor

Passing scores on the Praxis I, CBEST, or WEST-B

Initial Certification Students will be provisionally admitted to the Graduate Certification program when they apply. They must successfully complete the prerequisites and have a passing score on the Praxis I, CBEST, or WEST-B before they will be formally admitted and allowed to take 600 level coursework.

### **Prerequisites**

EDSE A212	Human Growth and Development	3 credits
EDSE A482	Inclusive Classroom for All Children	3 credits
EDEL A426	Teaching Mathematics in Elementary Schools	3 credits
EDFN A303	Foundations of Teaching & Learning	3 credits
EDSE A483	Language & Literacy: Assessment & Intervention	3 credits

### **Courses Required**

EDSE A610	Clinical Assessment: Eligibility and Program Planning	3 credits
EDSE A623	Language & Literacy: Best Practices in Assessment & Intervention	3 credits
EDSE A624	Social Emotional Development, Assessment, Intervention	3 credits
EDSE A625	Teaching Mathematics to Special Learners	3 credits
EDSE A632	Special Education Law: Principles and Practices	3 credits
EDSE A634	Support and Supervision of Paraeducators	3 credits
EDSE A695E*	Advanced Internship in Special Education: Elementary	3 credits
or		
EDSE A695S*	Advanced Internship in Special Education: Secondary	3 credits

\*A total of 6 credits of advanced internship are required. All EDSE A695 classes may be taken twice.

A minimum of 24 credits is required for the Graduate Certificate in Special Education. Successful completion will result in an Institutional Recommendation for an Initial license to teach special education only.

## **Masters of Education in Special Education**

Students who have successfully completed the Graduate Certificate coursework may apply to the M.Ed. in Special Education and use their certification coursework as their electives.

### **Courses Required**

	Research by advisement	6 credits
EDSE A622	Theories and Strategies	3 credits
EDSE A633	Autism: Communication and Social Disorders	3 credits
	Electives** by advisement	27 credits

\*\* May use the 24 endorsement credits toward this requirements