

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

College of Education



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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Special Education Initial Certification Program
(for candidates not possessing a teaching certificate)

Candidates must also apply to the University using the Graduate
Apply on-line at http://uaonline.alaska.edu/

(Application must be complete) Return application and supporting materials to UAA College of Education at above address

Form with fields for Name, Student ID #, Address (Street, City, State, Zip), Fax, Home Phone, Work Phone, Cell Phone, and e-mail address.

Admission Requirements:

- ❖ Bachelor's Degree from accredited institution
❖ (3) current professional recommendations, at least one of which is from a supervisor
❖ Passing scores on Praxis I, CBEST, or WEST-B
❖ 2.75 GPA (on 4.0 scale)
❖ Resume documenting recent educational experience and any experience with children having disabilities

Job and Volunteer Experience: Note: Record experiences for past 5 years minimum and attach additional sheets if necessary. "Applicant Reference Forms" must document most recent experience(s).

Position #1\* (Most Recent First)

Form for Position #1 with fields for Position, Employer, Phone, Supervisor's Name, e-mail, Date of Employment, and Duties.

Position #2

Form for Position #2 with fields for Position, Employer, Phone, Supervisor's Name, e-mail, Date of Employment, and Duties.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Position #3**

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Duties \_\_\_\_\_

**Written statement:**

• **Goal Statement:**

Please write and submit a 300-500 word statement describing (a) why you are applying to the program and (b) your professional goal(s) upon completion of the program.

*NOTE: Your response will be used to evaluate your ability to write at the graduate level.*

**Please initial that you have read and understand the following statements:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand this program is a distance delivered program and I will need:

- Working knowledge of Blackboard, Elive, and Elluminate (tutorials available)
- Working knowledge of the following programs and a computer capable of supporting them:
  - Connection speed of at least 250 kps
  - Software: Office Suite, Adobe Reader, Media Player (headset and microphone)

\_\_\_\_\_ All Graduate Certificates in Special Education require 6 credits advanced internships (EDSE A695E).

*Internships are taken the last one or two semesters of the program*

*Prior to beginning an internship, candidates who do not currently hold a teaching certificate must obtain a student authorization required by the State of Alaska which includes fingerprinting and a background check. **Fingerprint clearance may take up to 6 months to complete** so plan on submitting the internship application 2 semesters prior to desired placement. Failure to comply with the requirement, falsification of information, or evidence of a criminal conviction that is named in the law or that the Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC) considers an ethics violation will result in your being denied access to field placement in Alaska school districts. If we have not received your student authorization you will not be given departmental approval to register for EDSE A695E*

For information and forms visit the COE student services office in PSB 209, web: [coe.uaa.alaska.edu](http://coe.uaa.alaska.edu), or phone 907.786.4401.

\_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Passing scores for: Praxis 1 ~ Writing 175, Reading 174, Math 173.  
CBEST ~ 123+, no individual score less than 37  
West B ~ Writing 240, Reading 240, Math 240

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all program courses require APA formatting for papers.  
(computer template program available at the UAA bookstore - \$27.00 +/-)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I will need to take the Praxis II exam prior to completion of this program.

\_\_\_\_\_ The State of Alaska requires all licensees to have an Alaska studies class and a multicultural education/cross-cultural communication class which are not part of this program.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_