Earn an ESL Endorsement!

The Graduate Certificate in Language Education is an 18-credit program that leads to a PreK-6 ESL Endorsement from the Alaska Department of Education. The program is designed to help practicing professionals improve their knowledge and skills in meeting the needs of English learners in Alaska’s culturally and linguistically diverse environment. All 18 credits within the Graduate Certificate in Language Education Program can be applied to UAA’s M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning (12 additional credits to completion of M.Ed.). Courses may also be applied to a M.Ed. in Reading/Literacy through UAS. UAA’s ESL Endorsement program is an NCATE, fully accredited program.

Through this program you will learn how to:

- Foster English language proficiency and academic achievement for the English Learners (ELs) in your classroom.
- Integrate English language skills into Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum.
- Support ELs with interrupted schooling.
- Promote strong literacy skills for ELs.
- Create a classroom culture that supports ELs.
- Strengthen family involvement by creating school-community ties.

Program Details:

- Can be completed in three consecutive semesters (Spring, Summer, Fall).
- Alaska State Teacher Certification required (to earn an ESL endorsement).
- Candidates are encouraged to apply with same-school colleagues to support professional learning.
Program Description: A concentration on literacy and culturally sustaining content area instruction (including STEAM) for academic achievement of English learners and Alaska Native students. The GCLE Program is centered in a scholarly practitioner model and is designed to be directly applicable to each participant’s unique classroom practice.

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| Spring    | EDFN A645 Culturally Sustaining Literacy for P-6 English Language Learners  
EDFN A621 Culture, Language & Literacy |
| Summer    | EDSY A668 Teaching English as a Second Language through Academic Content  
EDFN A691 Current Topics in Second Language Education: Advocacy, Policy, Law |
| Fall      | EDFN A646 Culturally Sustaining Instruction in STEAM for English Language Learners  
EDFN A689 Action Research Experience: Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy for English Language Learners in P-6 Classrooms |

*Students may choose to enroll in one class per semester and complete the program over two years.

To apply to the Language Certificate in Language Education, please visit the website: https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/school-of-education/programs/language-education.cshtml

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