



UAA College
of Education

UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Project LEAP

(Language, Equity & Academic Performance)

Graduate Certificate in Teaching
English a Second Language
Grades K-6

Application Packet

2016

Project LEAP is a grant that was awarded to UAA, ASD, MSBSD, and JSD in order to create a Graduate Certificate in ESL so that in-service teachers in these districts could gain skills and approaches in facilitating academic success for English learners in our classrooms.

Participants will get a tuition-subsidized training that leads up to a Graduate Certificate and an ESL Endorsement on their K-6 Alaska Teacher Certificate. The Graduate Certificate in ESL program is three-consecutive semesters including 18 credit hours with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) in the ELL classroom.

Semester	Courses
Spring 2016	*EDFN A621 Culture, Language, and Literacy *EDFN A645 Culturally Sustaining Literacy for P-6 English Language Learners
Summer 2016	* EDFN A691 Current Topics in Second Language Education * EDSY A668 Teaching English as a Second Language in Secondary Schools (1-week intensive. Airfare provided for students outside the Anchorage/Mat-Su area)
Fall 2016	*EDFN A646 Culturally Sustaining Instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) for English Language Learners *EDFN A689 Action Research Experience: Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy for English Language Learners in P-6 Classrooms

Program Requirements

- Continuous enrollment for three consecutive semesters (Spring, Summer, Fall)
- Alaska State Teacher Certification
- **Alaska residency. Please see the UAA residency page for requirements :**
<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/futurestudents/residency.cfm>
- Current employment in Anchorage School District, Juneau School District, or Matanuska-Susitna School District in classrooms that serve ELLs.

Program Information

- Anchorage classes will be at the UAA campus
- **If accepted into the program, you will be required to apply (with full set of official transcripts) to the UAA Graduate School before December 15th.**
- A Meet and Greet will be held in Anchorage December 9th at 5:30pm in PSB 103B and via Distance on December 10th at 5:30pm.
- First day of classes will be Tuesday January 12, 2016
- 20% of your tuition and 100% of your fees will be (approximately) \$850 per semester. This amount does not include textbooks.



Application for Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language

Candidate Name _____ UA ID Number _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Alternate Phone number (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Alaska State Teaching Certificate: _____ Grade level and/or current endorsements _____ Exp. Date _____

UA Student email _____ Alternate email _____

Highest Educational Degree: Bachelors Masters Other _____

Name of Program _____

- All 18 Project LEAP credits can be applied to the UAA Masters in Education in Teaching and Learning (M.Ed. T&L). If you have any in pursuing a M.Ed. T&L, please contact Dr. Tim Jester at tejester@uaa.alaska.edu or 786-1666.

Project LEAP	University of Alaska Admission Office (To be completed after acceptance into program and before December 15, 2015)
Provide the following for a complete application packet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This page filled out completely and signed; • Three letters of recommendation; • Two sets of Transcripts, one unofficial for Project LEAP application and one official for your UAA Graduate School application • A 300-500 word goal statement addressing your career goals, how the program relates to these goals, and related professional experience (highlight your work with ELLs); • A resume (clearly documenting education and/or leadership experience, OR documenting successful completion of a teacher education program from a regionally accredited university.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for UAA Graduate School admissions on UAOnline: Graduate Certificate: Language Education • Send *official transcripts to: UAA Office of Admissions PO Box 141629 Anchorage AK 99514-1629

Signature of Candidate _____

Date _____

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

There are two admission processes. Each requires a separate application.

1. **Admission to Project LEAP, College of Education (to be completed by November 13, 2015)**
2. **Admission to the UAA Graduate School (to be completed after acceptance to Project LEAP but before December 15th)**

Provide the following for a complete application packet:

- Page 3 of this packet, completed and signed;
- Three letters of recommendation;
- One Unofficial set of transcripts and one Official set of transcripts (please note that you will need two sets of transcripts, one unofficial for Project LEAP, and one official for the UAA Graduate School application);
- A 300-500 word goal statement addressing your career goals, how the program relates to these goals, and related professional experience (highlight your work with ELLs);
- A resume (clearly documenting education and/or leadership experience, OR documenting successful completion of a teacher education program from a regionally accredited university.)

Deliver completed packet to:

Kathy Lardner
Dept. of Teaching and Learning, PSB 224
College of Education
University of Alaska Anchorage
3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

Or email it to:
kmlardner@uaa.alaska.edu

Upon notification of acceptance into the LEAP program, you should immediately apply for admission to the UAA Graduate Certificate program in Language Education (see below).

Admission to the UAA Graduate School Certificate, Language Education
DEADLINE: December 15, 2015

Enroll online by accessing UAOnline: <https://uaonline.alaska.edu/> Select Apply for Admissions and follow the link on New Student or Prior Student. Under planned course of study, select Graduate Certificate, Language Education.

You must also submit your **official transcripts** to the Office of Admissions at the University Center by the appropriate deadline date:

December 15, 2015 (for Spring Semester 2016)

Additional Information

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Graduate Student Checklist

http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/graduateschool/Checklist_for_new_Graduate_Students/index.cfm

College of Education 3211 Providence Drive, Professional Studies Building (PSB)

Elementary Education: 907-786-4412

Outside Anchorage: 888-866-8976

Email contact: kmlardner@uaa.alaska.edu

Office Hours: Monday –Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

UAA General Information

Enrollment Services (UC 106) 786-1480

Financial Aid (UC 105) 786-1586 <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/financialaid/index.cfm>