

» Support every step of the way!

“Education is something young people need today. You need to work hard for it. Take advice from other people. If you want to go to school, don’t go halfway. Go all the way. Never give up.”
—The late traditional Athabaskan Chief Peter John



Educational Pathway of Support for Alaska Native Students

Teacher shortage affects all Alaska communities, but it’s our rural communities that are hit the hardest. Educator turnover remained twice as high in rural as in urban districts—about 22%, compared with 10% (ISER, 2008). Alaska is in dire need of talented, committed and well-prepared teachers and administrators who understand the unique challenges and conditions facing our rural youth. The Student Pathway was developed to assist students, who are interested in the field of education, in planning for college, learning about specific degree programs at each of the UA campuses, and highlighting support resources available along their pathway towards becoming an educator!

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ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS (K-12)

Future Educators of Alaska (FEA)
University of Alaska Academic Affairs Office of K-12 Outreach supports 27 school districts across Alaska to encourage and inspire students to pursue degrees and careers in education.

- FEA Programs:**
- High School Elective Course
 - Dual Credit (High School College) Elective Course
 - FEA Youth Leaders

Transitional Programs

Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI)
• High school junior and senior students from rural Alaska communities earn between 7 and 11 university credits through 6 week intensive summer program.

Upward Bound
• Upward Bound targets high school juniors and seniors to take UAF summer courses with regular college students, develop relationships with peers and faculty and gain hands on college experience.

Interior-Aleutians Campus (I-AC)
• ACT/SAT prep course and distance education support and guidance.

COLLEGE BRIDGE



Alaska Education Support Organizations:

- Association of Interior Native Educators (AINE)
- Alaska Native Educator Association (ANEA)
- Avant-Garde Learning Foundation
- Alaska Association for Bilingual Education (AKABE)
- Southeast Alaska Native Educators Association
- North Slope Iñupiaq Educators Association
- Alaska First Nations Research Network
- Southcentral Native Educator's Association
- Kuspuk Native Educators Association
- Native Educators of the Alutiiq Region
- Association of Native Educators of the Lower Kuskokwim
- Association of Northwest Native Educators

	ASSOCIATE (2 YRS.)*	BACHELOR (4 YRS.)*	GRADUATE (2+ YRS.)*	
<p>UAS Southeast</p> <p>Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for Alaska Schools (PITAAS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship award program and Summer Institute <p>ParaEducator Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development Associate (CDA) • Certificate Early Childhood • A.A.S. Early Childhood 	<p>Native and Rural Student Services (NRSS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic advising, peer mentoring, special orientations, housing and transportation guidance. <p>TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Aid assistance, equipment loans, and academic/cultural guidance and workshops. <p>EDUCATION PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education • Elementary Education • Secondary Education • Special Education • Reading • School Counseling 	<p>POST-BACCALAUREATE/GRADUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M.Ed. Elementary M.Ed. Secondary Counseling Endorsement M.Ed. Counseling Special Education endorsement M.Ed. Cross Cultural M. Ed. Language & Literacy M.Ed. Curriculum & Instruction 	<p>EDUCATION DEGREES</p>	<p>GOAL LONG-TERM</p> <p>Alaska Native students return as educators to rural communities with culturally responsive and culturally supportive education background.</p>
<p>UAF Fairbanks</p> <p>Interior-Aleutians Campus (I-AC) Bridging the Gap Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition & tutoring for 7 credits of Math and English courses a semester, and a week-long intensive for the Math course. Preparation support for the Praxis Exams I and II. <p>TYPE M LIMITED CERTIFICATE</p> <p>Alaska Native Language or Culture (Certificate granted based on expertise and verification by school district)</p>	<p>Rural Student Services (RSS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Advising <p>Alaska Native Education Student Association (ANESA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club for Education Majors <p>Alaska Native Teacher Preparation Project (ANTPP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr/Sr Year: Financial support, mentoring, graduation services and induction services. <p>EDUCATION PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education • Elementary Education • Secondary Education • Special Education 	<p>POST-BACCALAUREATE/GRADUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Counseling Education Leadership (Principal, Superintendent) Special Education Administrator 		
<p>UAA Anchorage</p> <p>Native Early Transition (NET)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps high school students transition from rural villages to urban university life. <p>Smart Start Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester-long intensive hands on instruction and guidance <p>Club Ed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking with education majors, professionals, support and study groups 	<p>Native Student Services (NSS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitional support, academic advising, community events <p>Alaska Native & Rural Outreach Program (ANROP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrates and supports Alaska Native cultures and students. <p>Alaska Educational Innovations Network (AEIN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher’s pre-service program as rural interns. <p>EDUCATION PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education • Elementary Education • Secondary Education • Special Education 	<p>POST-BACCALAUREATE/GRADUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Counseling Education Leadership (Principal, Superintendent) Special Ed. Administrator 		

** Many degree program courses can be take through distance education.*