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Honoring Alaska's Cultures, Growing Alaska's Leaders

In the UAA School of Education (SOE), we honor local knowledge, adapt to Alaska's unique environments, respect regional languages and values, and grow students to their full potential. Our education programs prepare culturally responsive educators and leaders who meet the demands of Alaska's diverse learners, families, and communities. UAA is driving workforce

development through innovative programs and dynamic partnerships to address Alaska's critical workforce needs in education and childcare.

Mission in Action

◆ **Fostering Belonging:** We cultivate inclusive classrooms and communities by valuing the diverse ways Alaskans experience and contribute to education. Our programs prepare educators to honor all learners' experiences by emphasizing connection and shared purpose.

◆ **Workforce Impact:** Despite having only nine full-time faculty, the SOE has achieved a 123.7% increase in enrollment since 2020, generating over 3,500 student credit hours annually.

◆ **Collaborative Partnerships:** Partnerships with organizations such as the Bristol Bay Regional Career and Technical Education (BBRCTE), Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI), Southeast Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children (SE-AEYC), DEED, and school districts help extend UAA's impact, uniting communities to enhance educational opportunities statewide.



Key Workforce Initiatives

1. Strategic Use of Nationally Registered Apprenticeships for Educators (SUNRAE Program):

UAA's SUNRAE Program is Alaska's first federally registered teacher apprenticeship, uniquely designed to address teacher shortages by combining paid, on-the-job training with academic coursework. This program stands out for its partnerships with school districts, Head Start programs, and organizations like the Bristol Bay Native Corporation and Arctic Slope Community Foundation. These collaborations ensure apprentices gain real-world teaching experience in their communities while building meaningful connections to local traditions, values, and ways of life. SUNRAE's focus on early childhood education and PK-3 licensure strengthens Alaska's schools and fosters educators with deep ties to their communities.

2. Dual Enrollment Pathways: High school students in Juneau, Sitka, Anchorage, and the Bristol Bay can participate in UAA's dual credit programs, earning college credits while exploring careers in education. These pathways have expanded significantly, with participation increasing by 40% in the past year, providing early exposure to education careers and fostering a sense of purpose and direction among Alaska's youth.



3. Early Childhood and PK-3 Licensure Programs:

UAA's Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood (BAEC) and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Teaching (PBCT) programs have received provisional licensure approval from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). These programs prepare educators to meet the developmental needs of young learners, supporting both the healthcare and education workforce sectors and nurturing a sense of belonging and growth in the next generation of students.



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