National Accreditation

- In 2005, the College of Education (COE) became accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Students

- UAA’s COE enrolls approximately 11.7 percent of UAA’s student headcount, with 1,738 students enrolled in COE courses in Spring 2007.
- The COE attracts a diverse and non-traditional student population and provides quality education in the high demand field of education on local, state and national levels.

- Student enrollment in the COE grew from 2,706 in 2004 to 3,857 in 2007. Student credit hours have increased from 8,893 in 2004 to 10,275 in 2007

- COE graduates consistently score above the national median and at the high end of the national average performance range on exams required for teacher licensure.

Programs

- The COE offers 16 education programs housed in three departments:
  - The Department of Teaching and Learning (DTL) is the largest of the departments and includes: Certificate and Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development Bachelor of Arts and Post-Baccalaureate in Early Childhood Education Bachelor of Arts and Post-Baccalaureate in Elementary Education; Master of Arts in Teaching
  - In response to the high demand from districts and teachers, the Department of Educational Leadership (EDL) offers graduate programs in Principal, Superintendent and Teacher Leadership. A Master of Education in Adult Education is also offered through this department
  - The Department of Counseling and Special Education (CASE) offers graduate programs in Special Education; Early Childhood Special Education; Counselor Education; and prerequisites for the affiliated Master of Science in Speech, Language and Auditory Pathology in cooperation with Eastern Carolina University. The Department also offers a graduate certificate that provides an alternative route for baccalaureate-prepared individuals to become special educators.

Enrollment Growth

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Distance Delivery and Community Partnerships

■ In the past two years, the COE has improved its distance-delivered courses to meet the needs of non-traditional students living outside of the Anchorage area. The College went from 19 percent of its courses offered via distance in Spring 2006 to 32 percent in Spring 2007. In Fall 2007, 49 percent of COE courses were offered via distance delivery.

■ The COE hosts students from the Future Teachers of Alaska program, which provides middle and high school students from rural Alaska communities the opportunity to visit UAA’s Anchorage campus. The College generally hosts between 60 and 100 students each year, most of whom are Alaska Native.

■ The College strives to become “A College of Distinction” by building relationships with school and community partners to improve the quality of its engagement and deepen its impact on Alaska’s children and learning communities.

■ To expand COE’s outreach to schools in southcentral Alaska, the College follows a model of teacher preparation aided by partnerships with UAA’s community campuses. These partnerships allow students to complete four-year education degrees locally.

Looking Forward

■ Beginning Spring 2008, COE will follow a trimester system. Students will have more flexibility in planning course schedules and be able to complete programs more quickly.

■ The COE is pursuing agreements with international universities to provide faculty and student exchange opportunities. These exchanges will increase diversity and expand knowledge of other educational systems.

■ Two Occupational Endorsement Certificates in School-Age Care are awaiting final approval. These programs offer preparation for providers and administrators of school-age care programs. The development of these programs is in direct response to the community’s need for quality before- and after-school care for children.

■ An Adult Education Graduate Certificate in e-Learning is awaiting approval. It is designed to meet the requirements of professionals who need additional skills in delivering education and training via distance modes.

■ Revision of COE’s Master of Education degree for experienced teachers is currently underway. Program experiences will be aligned with the Five Core Propositions of the National Board for Professional Teacher Standards.