



Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Interprofessional Child Welfare

Build the knowledge and skills you need to launch a career promoting the health and well-being of children and families in Alaska.

The occupational endorsement certificate in interprofessional child welfare draws from multiple social services disciplines, giving you a comprehensive training in interprofessional child welfare practices and theories. As a student, you will build the competencies you need in order to become a successful child welfare professional.

The certificate program is open to anyone interested in child welfare. It can be especially useful for individuals who are studying or working in fields focused on family and community well-being, such as human services, justice, social work, and psychology.

What can you do with a child welfare certificate from UAA?

Child welfare professionals work in agencies and organizations that provide child protective services, adoption services, foster care, youth residential, and tribal services, among others.

Our state has a shortage of trained child welfare professionals, meaning that graduates of the program enter a field with significant job openings—and many opportunities to positively impact Alaskan communities.

Program Length

Four semesters, attending part-time.

Availability

All four courses and a practicum in child welfare are distance delivered. The required practicum typically takes place in the student's home community.

Curriculum Overview

The certificate has three core courses and a seminar. You will explore the field of child welfare, the theories and knowledge base that shape interventions, and specific focus areas such as family functioning and interpersonal violence. All students also complete a practicum placement in a child welfare practice setting where they can put their classroom skills to work, become familiar with the field, and build their professional network.

Explore the Program!

Scan the QR code or visit

<https://bit.ly/38JydRx>



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Applying to the Program: What's Next?

UAA Admissions Requirements

Applicants must have a high school degree or U.S. GED. There is no minimum GPA requirement for certificate-level admission.

For applicants whose native language is not English, the TOEFL or IELTS exam is required with the following minimum scores: 71 on the TOEFL or 6.0 on the academic versions of the IELTS.

UAA Application Components

- **Online application**
- **Official transcripts**
- **International students:** A World Education Services (WES) transcript evaluation is required.

UAA Application Deadlines

Fall semester enrollment: Apply by July 15

Summer semester enrollment: Apply by May 1

How to Apply for the OEC

To get your Occupational Endorsement Certificate (OEC), students have to enroll in the OEC then apply to graduate.

1. **Apply for the OEC degree:** Log in to the application portal and follow the steps to enroll for the OEC: <https://sforce.co/37xLb4d>
Degree name: Occupational Endorsement Certificate
Major name: Interprofessional Child Welfare
2. **Apply to graduate with the OEC:**
<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/graduate/>
Once you have applied for the OEC degree and it has been processed through the university, you can then apply to graduate.

Please note: UAA Admissions does not allow students to both apply for and graduate with the degree within the same semester. Please note the application deadlines for both.

Before You Apply

Before you apply for admission to UAA, schedule a meeting with program coordinator Kathi Trawver to review the certificate requirements and discuss next steps for enrolling in courses. Contact Kathi Trawver at krtrawver@alaska.edu.

Preparing for Success

Successful child welfare workers demonstrate strong professional ethics and child and family engagement skills, engages in interprofessional collaboration, and cultural humility in practice. They are able to effectively and positively engage with Alaska's children and families to support positive change.

Child welfare workers should also be able to practice self-care in order to maintain their own mental and emotional well-being in this demanding field. The certificate provides specific self-care training so you can build a healthy, sustainable career in child welfare.

Questions?

Please contact Kathi Trawver, professor and certificate program coordinator, at krtrawver@alaska.edu; or Jessica Ullrich, social work assistant professor, at jsullrich@alaska.edu.

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