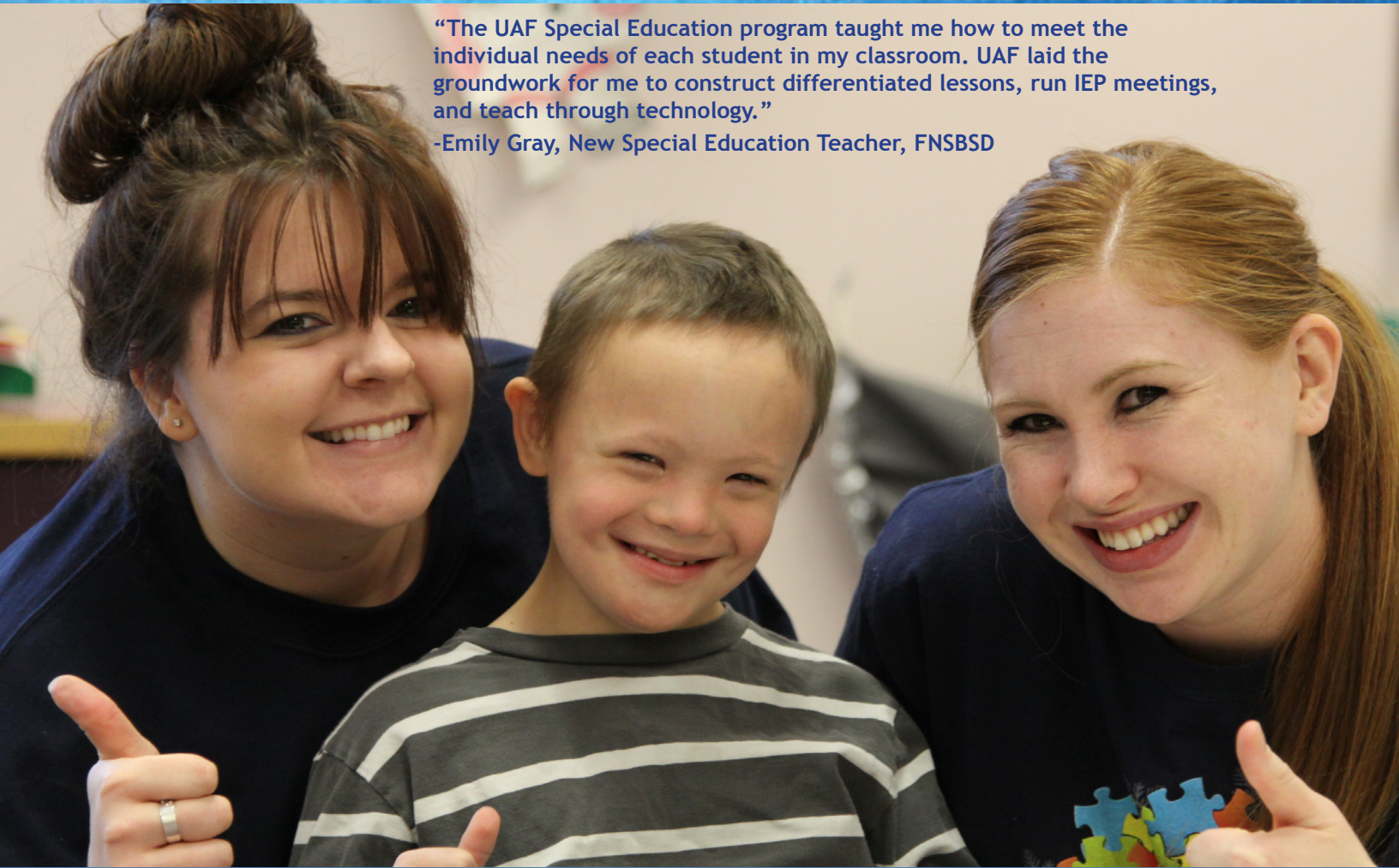


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Programs

Special Education Certification

- Post-baccalaureate with current teaching certificate - 24 credits
- Post-baccalaureate without current teaching certificate - 27 credits

M. Ed. in Special Education

- Master of Education with current teaching certificate - 36 credits
- Master of Education without current teaching certificate - 39 credits

Application Process

Application deadlines are March 1st (summer, fall) and October 1st (spring)

Submit the following:

1. Online Graduate Application (www.uaf.edu/admissions/apply)
2. Transcripts
3. 4-5 page written essay, which describes career goals and educational philosophy
4. Three letters of reference
5. Resume
6. Copy of current teaching certificate (if you are a certified teacher)
7. GRE scores if undergraduate GPA is below a 3.0
8. Passing Praxis CASE or Praxis I Scores
9. Passing Praxis II Scores in appropriate area (due during 1st year in the program)
 - a. Elementary Content Knowledge (to be highly qualified as an elementary special education teacher)
 - b. English and/or Math (to be highly qualified as a middle school or high school special education teacher) Note: other Praxis II tests may be accepted, check with the hiring school district

Initial Certification Applicants must also submit:

- Proof of at least 12 hours of experience with children who have disabilities
- Prerequisite coursework in child development, introduction to education, introduction to special education, Alaska studies, multicultural education
- Fingerprinting/Criminal Background check (due before Special Education Clinical Practice)

Program Components

- ❖ Classes are offered on campus, through video or audio conference, and online. Complete the degree in any Alaska community!
- ❖ Spend time in real classrooms - special education courses are integrated with classroom experience.
- ❖ Take foundational coursework and select courses from interest areas such as early childhood special education, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder and collaboration techniques.
- ❖ Students who take six credits per semester can be ready for special education classroom positions in 1 ½ to 2 years.
- ❖ Are you already a certified teacher? Get hired into a special education position after completing only 9 credits of the UAF program using the Alaska Alternative Certification program.
- ❖ Financial assistance is available. Apply for the TEACH Grant: federal grant money, up to \$4,000 per year that may be forgiven if you teach in the field for four years in a high need area.

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To see degree checklists, semester schedules, and program costs visit: www.uaf.edu/educ
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