Admission Requirements

There are three levels of undergraduate admission:
1. Admission to occupational endorsement certificates.
2. Admission to undergraduate certificates or associate degrees.
3. Admission to baccalaureate degrees.

Admission to Occupational Endorsement Certificates

To qualify for admission to an occupational endorsement a student must either:
1. Have earned a high school diploma, GED, or at least 30 college-level semester credits; or
2. Be 18 years of age or older and have participated in the UAS’ Ability to Benefit process as described below.

Some occupational endorsement programs have additional requirements, selective admission criteria, or limited space (see an advisor).

Occupational endorsement-seeking students must submit a UAS application for admission indicating their intended educational program and their level of academic preparation. Additional admission requirements will depend on the intended program.

Admission to Undergraduate Certificate and Associate Degree Programs

To qualify for initial admission to certificate or associate degree programs, a student must either:
1. Have a high school diploma, GED, or at least 30 college-level semester credits; or
2. Be 18 years of age or older and have participated in UAS’ Ability to Benefit process as described below.

Some associate degree programs have additional admissions requirements, selective admission criteria, or limited space. Please see program listings for specific requirements.

Admission to Baccalaureate Programs

To qualify for initial admission to a bachelor’s degree programs, a student must satisfy at least one of the following:

1. Graduation from high school with a GPA of at least 2.50, and completion of either the SAT or ACT, or an approved test, or
2. Successful completion of the GED, and completion of either the SAT, ACT, or an approved test; or

3. Completion of at least 30 college-level semester credits with a grade point average of at least 2.0 (C) and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of UAS’ Ability to Benefit process as described below; or

4. Completion of at least 60 college-level semester credits with a GPA of at least 2.0.

Students in the following categories may be admitted to certain baccalaureate programs with advising as a requirement:

- High school graduates with a GPA of 2.0 through 2.49; or
- Transfer students with a collegiate GPA of 1.75 through 1.99.

Additional criteria apply to students who have been removed from baccalaureate degree-seeking status at UAS. See the Reinstatement policy under the Academic Standings, Academic Program Removal section.

Some baccalaureate programs have additional or more selective admission requirements (see an advisor).
Transfer Credit Policies

The following regulations apply to transfer of credit:

1. UAS will perform an official evaluation of transfer credit only after students have been admitted to undergraduate degree/certificate programs.

2. College level (100 level or above) credits earned with grades of C or higher at other regionally accredited institutions normally will be accepted for transfer.

3. Transfer students from University of Alaska institutions having earned an A.A. degree will be deemed to have met General Education Requirements (GERs) at UAS. However, some bachelor’s degrees require specific GER courses in addition to the A.A. program requirements.

4. A minimum of 34 semester credit hours are required for the GERs in both the A.A. and the Bachelor’s degrees. Students transferring degree programs from the University of Alaska Anchorage or the University of Alaska Fairbanks should consult University of Alaska General Education Transfer Guide for comparison of courses that will fulfill the GERs at UAS.

5. Transfer courses retain the course level of upper or lower division credit established at the original college. Graduate-level coursework can only apply to undergraduate degree programs under special circumstances with prior permission.

6. Acceptance of transfer credit toward program major requirements is based upon departmental approval.

7. College credit is not awarded for completion of the General Education Development tests.

8. All grades from all schools attended will be used when determining eligibility for graduation with institutional honors.

9. Life/work experience is not accepted for evaluation as academic credit; however, the student has the option of credit by exam.

10. Credits may be awarded for Military Experience (MOS) according to American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations. Please contact the Admissions and Records department for specific details regarding official transcripts/documents required.
Copies of military personnel records can be requested from National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132.

11. The maximum number of semester hours awarded for military training and experience and applicable to degrees is equal to 8 semester hours for undergraduate certificates, 15 semester hours toward the associate degree, and 30 semester hours toward the bachelor’s degree.

12. Students who have attended foreign institutions and plan to transfer these credits to UAS must provide an official statement of educational equivalency (official transcript evaluation in English). See International Admissions Requirements for more information.

**Transfer Students (Undergraduates with at Least 30 College-Level Semester Credits)**

Undergraduate degree-seeking applicants with 30 or more college-level semester credits must submit official transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges and universities and all institutions attended outside the United States. (Exception: Students do not need to request transcripts from any University of Alaska campus.)

Students who wish to transfer college-level course work from institutions outside the United States or Canada must submit official transcripts and English translations as well as an official statement of educational equivalency from a recommended international credentials evaluation service. A list of evaluation services may be obtained from Enrollment Services. Fees depend upon the agency performing the evaluation. The evaluation service will require a separate transcript and copy of the English translation.