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Support Services

Foundations in Native Education Class
All UAS PITAAS students are required to take a year-long course that is designed to build leadership skills and strengthen Native identity.

Mentoring
Upon entering UAS students are matched with continuing students who assist them in their transition to college life. Mentors and mentees meet regularly and frequently throughout the first year.

Tutoring
PITAAS students are also provided with group and individual tutoring support through the Learning Center.

Native and Rural Student Center
The Native and Rural Student Center provides a welcoming space for students to gather in a comfortable environment, as well as staff support to meet student needs.

Woood.Een
This Alaska Native student organization meets regularly and sponsors many cultural activities throughout the year.

Cultural Inclusion/Faculty Fellowship
PITAAS seeks to assist in helping make UAS a culturally responsive institution by integrating Native culture into courses and supporting UAS faculty to meet the learning needs of Native students.

Partners
Sealaska Heritage Institute, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Future Educators of Alaska, and school districts from Southeast Alaska are partners with UAS in the PITAAS Program.

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Teacher Education Scholarships

Students who are accepted to the program receive a scholarship that generally covers a majority of tuition, fees, books, and room and board at UAS for the entire program period (contingent upon continued grant funding). Students must be enrolled in an education program at UAS and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA in order to continue receiving the scholarship. The average annual award for full-time students in 2011-2012 was $7,500. (This amount is adjusted at the graduate level depending upon the degree program.

In order to receive a PITAAS scholarship, students must have college junior status and be admitted to one of the following degree programs at UAS:

Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs:
- BA Elementary Education
- BA Special Education
- BA or BS in an academic area leading toward teacher certification

Post graduate Teacher Certification Programs:
- Elementary MAT (Masters of Arts in Teaching)
- Secondary MAT (Masters of Arts in Teaching)
- K-12 Special Education MAT (Masters of Arts in Teaching)

Graduate Certificates, Endorsements and Master of Education (M.Ed.) Programs
- Mathematics Education
- Reading Specialist
- Educational Technology
- Special Education
- Educational Leadership (Administrative Certificate)

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