

UAF recruits rural teachers

Teachers for Rural Alaska, a special teacher education program of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, is recruiting students.

Now in its second year, the program is designed to prepare educators to teach in Alaska's rural high schools.

The program is specifically designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree in any field and want to teach.

The UAF program is the first in the nation to apply recently completed research on effective teacher education to rural cross-cultural schools.

"I was pleased with the program's practicality," said Melanie Engram, one of this year's program participants. "It has just the right combination of theory and practice."

Stressed in the program are teaching methods for multi-graded and cross-cultural classrooms. This includes such skills as lesson plan preparation, localized curriculum and practical field experience.

Students in the Teachers for Rural Alaska Program receive teacher certification at the end of the first academic year. Upon completion of their program they will have earned a master of education degree.

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